



# TENNIS PLAYING RULES

## Standards of Dress

Members are requested to wear tennis clothing or other sports clothing suitable for tennis (not football strips), and tennis shoes or trainers designated as suitable for both tennis hard and soft courts. *Only non-marking footwear should be worn.*

## Shoe Tag - Membership Identification

Members must display a current shoe tag whenever on the tennis courts. It is the duty of other members to check that their playing partners are displaying current shoe tags.

## Off-peak Members

Off peak membership permits play only on weekdays (Monday to Friday) and prior to 6-00pm. Off-peak members are not eligible to enter club competitions and tournaments or play for club teams/ inter-club friendly matches.

## Visitors

Members bringing visitors to play at the Club should be seen as a membership privilege. Each member is allowed a maximum of 6 visits per year with no more than 3 visits per individual guest. Before playing, members must sign in and pay for visitors playing at the Club (for details see the Visitor Register on the notice board). If the bar is not open, members are requested to sign their visitor in and pay as soon as they can.

## Court Priority

### Junior and Coaching Court

**Court 1** is the **Junior Court** and court 6 is the **Coaching Court** (see detailed notice).

If court 1 is in use by the Coach, court 6 will be used as the temporary Junior Court (throughout the day and the evening). The Head Coach has guaranteed access to one tennis court at all times, with the exception of when Club Tournaments are being played.

It is usual to make courts 6 to 9 available for Saturday morning coaching sessions.

**No Seniors may use the Junior Court if it is required by Juniors.**

## Main Courts (2 to 9)

Courts 2 to 9 (see above for 6) - the following priorities apply in order of impact:

1. **League Matches** (summer – 6.30pm start) or recognised external Tournaments will be played and have absolute priority on courts 8 and 9, requiring others to give up the court immediately. The ladies 4<sup>th</sup> team will have priority on Courts 6 and 7. Winter league and veterans matches (played on a Saturday – 1pm start- or Sunday – 10am start) will be played on courts 2&3 or courts 8&9.
2. **Members ‘club play sessions’** have priority on courts 2 to 5 during the week and at weekends on courts 6 to 9 also.
3. **Junior Night:** Friday evening only with immediate access to all courts from 6-30pm.
4. **Official Club Tournaments** such as American Tournaments have immediate access to all the courts (2 to 9) at the times stated on the Notice Board.
5. **Club Championship Matches** take priority over normal club play. Players who wish to claim priority use of the court must notify the players already on court that they wish to use it. The players on court may finish their short set.
6. **Fixed Fours on Thursday evening.** Timing of access to courts is controlled by the booking system displayed on the Notice Board.
7. **Official Club Play Sessions.** During Official Club Play sessions participating members have priority (after the above) access to the courts (weekdays from 6-30pm; weekends from 2-00pm – summer and 1.30 pm - winter). Players who wish to claim priority use of a court must notify players already on court that they wish to use it. The players on court may finish their (short) set if it is their first set and must then give up the court. If they have already played at least one set they must complete the current game and immediately vacate the court.
8. **Other play.** At other times when all courts are in use, waiting players who wish to claim use of a court must notify players already on court that they wish to use it. The players on court may finish their (short) set and then give up the court.

Doubles takes precedence on all courts except for Singles play in Official Club Championship matches. Doubles players have the choice of courts, and if all four players are ready to play, those already using the courts must complete their (short) set and give up the court.

In addition, singles matches which are part of the Club Singles Ladder will have equal priority (not more priority) to club doubles play during the following times:

- after 8.00pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays;
- after 2.00pm on Saturdays;
- any time on Sundays.

**“Off-peak members” must stop using the courts at 6-00pm.**

## Club Play Sessions

### a) Summer Season (April to early October)

The official club sessions are as follows:

Monday:	6-30pm	Men's Doubles night
Tuesday:	9-30am	Mixed Doubles morning
Tuesday:	6-30pm	Ladies Doubles night
Wednesday:	6-30pm	Mixed Doubles night
Thursday:	9-30am	Mixed Doubles morning
Thursday:	6-30pm	Fixed Fours night
Friday:	6-30pm	Junior night
Saturday:	2-00pm	Mixed Doubles afternoon
Sunday:	2-00pm	Mixed Doubles afternoon

Thursday nights are reserved for 'Fixed Fours'.

- Courts 2 – 5, 8 and 9 are bookable one week in advance using the Booking Sheets on the Notice Board (can only book one court for a 90 minute session).
- Courts 6 and 7 are only bookable on the night (***ONLY for a maximum 2 x 45 minutes at a time***), and only when all four members are actually present.

### b) Winter Season (early October to March )

The official club sessions are as follows:

Monday	6.30pm	Men's Doubles Floodlit night (Courts 2 and 3)
Tuesday:	9-30am	Mixed Doubles morning
	6.30 pm	Ladies Doubles Floodlit night (Courts 2 and 3)
Wednesday:	6-30pm	Mixed Doubles floodlit night (Courts 2 and 3)
Thursday:	9-30am	Mixed Doubles morning
Saturday:	1.30pm	Mixed Doubles afternoon
Sunday:	1.30pm	Mixed Doubles afternoon

'Fixed Fours' can be played at all other times (from 6pm onwards).

- Courts can be booked for evening play (6pm onwards) and the booking forms are displayed on the Notice Board. Courts may be booked for a maximum of 2 x 45 minute sessions. No booking is permitted earlier than one full week prior to the night required.
- Players booking courts must turn up to play unless the weather is unplayable. Cancellations must be done early to enable other members' access to the floodlit courts. If players have not arrived by 10 minutes after the due start time the court booking will be deemed to be invalid.
- All courts must be booked by a member of the playing group.

**Tennis Committee**  
**April 2011**