

**REGULATIONS**  
**made pursuant to rule 20**  
**Effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014**  
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1. CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

- (A) 7 day full
- (B) 7 day intermediate
- (C) Mid-week
- (D) Young adult
- (E) Student Vacation
- (F) Junior
- (G) Non playing
- (H) Parent

Definitions and playing times

(A) Experienced players who have been assessed as suitable for mixing in sessions or playing for a club team;

(B) Less experienced players who have not been assessed as above. They may play at any time subject to the courts not being required for mixing in (see below) or tournaments. They are not eligible to play for a club team.

(C) Mid-week members may **not** play on any weekday after 5 p.m., or at any time on Saturday and Sunday. On Good Friday or Bank or public holidays they may play only after 1 p.m. unless a tournament has been arranged for that afternoon in which case they may not play during the duration of the tournament unless invited to participate therein. They may also play outside permitted hours when engaged in a coaching session by an approved club coach or when playing-in for 7 day full membership.

(D) A person aged not less than 18 and not more than 21 on 1st April or not more than 25 if in full time education.

(E) A person in full time education joining only for the long (summer) vacation in any year. The period shall not be longer than 3 months.

(F) Any child under the age of 18.

(G) Non playing membership is available on payment of the appropriate fee to any full member who by reason of injury or residence wishes to suspend his present class of membership. Normal membership may be resumed at the start of the club year without payment of a joining fee and in the case of 7 day full membership without being required to play in.

(H) A parent of a junior member. They may play only with their own child who is a junior member and must observe junior playing times.

## 2. COURT USAGE

Exact times and court allocation for all sessions are set out in the court bookings on the club website, and may change from time to time.

(i) In all cases Club matches against other clubs have priority

(ii) The principal mix in sessions are as follows:

### Full members:

Sunday Mornings

Saturday Afternoons

Tuesday Evenings

Thursday Evenings

### Team players:

Wednesday Evenings

### Midweek members

Tuesday Mornings

Thursday Mornings

BANK HOLIDAYS: As Sunday mornings.

(iii) No arranged matches may be played on mix in courts (unless obviously not required) without express permission of the match secretary which will only be given in exceptional circumstances.

(iv) At all other times courts are available for free play and may be booked for a period of up to 2 hours, or in the case of a tournament match, for the duration of the match.

(v) There are other sessions reserved for different activities. Members should always consult the website for latest information.

## 3. MIXING IN

(i) Mixing in sessions are those times in which 7 day full members must make up sets between all players present except:

(a) Where only some courts are reserved for mixing in, members may play pre-arranged matches on the remaining courts. It is however contrary to the spirit of mixing in for players to arrive "on spec" at mixing in times and make up an exclusive four on a remaining court.

(c) 7 day intermediate, young adult, junior and student vacation members are not eligible to mix in unless they have been played in within the meaning of regulation 15.

(ii) The procedure for mixing-in is as follows:

(a) When a member arrives he/she should put his/her name down on the list in the mix in book. When players come off court they should do likewise, putting winners before losers, and ladies before gentlemen.

(b) The player whose name appears at the top of the list should select 3 people from the next 6 on the list. If possible that player should not leave someone out who has not yet played. He/she must not go below the sixth person; it is not fair on others who may have to wait a very long time.

(c) If others are waiting only one short set should be played (i.e. 6-5 wins). If nobody is waiting a long set or tie break may be completed.

(d) Players must vacate the court after completion of a set even if nobody appears to be waiting and even if that means going straight back on to the court, since people waiting to play may not necessarily be in view.

(e) Where there are few people playing, the book system need not be used, but players should observe the spirit of the above.

#### 4. CLOTHING

Recognised tennis clothing, especially tennis shoes must be worn on court. The club does not maintain an all white regime, but members are asked to wear appropriate sports clothing at all times. Training shoes are not permitted as they can damage the court surface.

#### 5. FLOODLIGHTS

Tokens are available from committee members at the prevailing rate. Courts can be booked as above. Planning restrictions forbid use of the lights after 10 p.m.

#### 6. TENNIS BALLS

New tennis balls are provided at mix in sessions. They must be removed from the court if nobody is waiting to play and the last players must return all balls to the clubhouse. If hit out of court they should be retrieved as soon as is reasonably practicable.

#### 7. "LAST TO LEAVE"

It shall be the duty of the last person to leave the premises to ensure that the clubhouse and changing rooms are locked and that all balls are returned to the clubhouse.

#### 8. ETIQUETTE

Members are expected to observe the etiquette of the game.

## 9. NOTICES

Notices may be posted on club premises only by permission of a committee member.

## 10. ANIMALS

All animals must be kept on a lead while in the club grounds or clubhouse and must not in any event be allowed on to the courts.

## 12. COACHING

No professional tennis coach shall give instruction for payment on any of the club courts without the written consent of the committee. Nobody except an authorised coach may receive any financial reward for coaching, playing or giving practice at the club.

## 13. CLOSURE OF COURTS

The committee shall have the power to close courts to members for the purpose of maintenance or for special reasons such as the hire to local schools or other outside bodies.

## 14. VISITORS' FEES

The visitors' fee pursuant to rule 16 shall be £5 per session for a visitor over the age of 18 and £2 in the case of a visitor under that age which shall be paid to the treasurer as soon as practicable.

The fee for temporary members shall be:

One month: 20% of the annual subscription

The minimum period of temporary membership shall be 1 month.

## 15. PLAYING IN

In the case of applications for 7 day full membership enabling a member to mix in and play inter-club matches, the standard of play of the applicant or applicants must be considered by at least one member authorised to play in prospective members ("the authorised person") who should discuss the standard of play with another authorised person and thereafter inform the membership secretary of his recommendation. In the case of a favourable report the membership secretary shall either admit the applicant or refer the matter to the committee in accordance; in the case of an unfavourable report he shall inform the applicant that his application has been unsuccessful.

All committee members and the Club Captain and others authorised by the committee shall be deemed to be an "authorised person".

## 16. REDUCED OR REFUNDED SUBSCRIPTIONS

In the case where a proportionately reduced subscription is accepted by the committee the reduction will be pro rata for each calendar month or part of a calendar month of the season which has expired.

Where a refund is granted, it will be calculated according to the same formula according to the number of complete months of the season remaining after the date of resignation.

## 17. JUNIORS

Junior playing times are as follows:

### Fridays

All courts reserved for juniors between 1700 and 2000.

### Saturdays

Juniors have exclusive use of courts 3,4 & 5 until 10.30 in the Winter. In Summer they also have exclusive use of court 1 until 1030 and of court 2 until 12 noon.

**At all other times (other than adult mix-in periods)** juniors have equal rights with adult members to the use of courts 3, 4 & 5. However adults have precedence on courts 1 & 2.

### **Junior Bookings**

Court 3, 4 or 5 may be booked for a period of one hour or in the case of a club tournament or inter-club match for the duration of the match.

### **Tennis balls**

Juniors are not permitted to use those balls put out for current use by adult members. They may however use the old balls in the bucket or bin in the club room.

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