

INFORMATION FOR NEW JUNIOR AND PARENT MEMBERS

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Welcome to WLTC and as a new member please find below information about Weybridge Tennis Club. We are an LTA Registered venue.

BRITISH TENNIS MEMBERSHIP

All junior members are encouraged to sign up to British Tennis membership within LTA. To join is free to club members and gives many advantages including entry to the Wimbledon ballot and various discounts.

Details can be found on www.lta.org.uk/members/join.

When completing the application your LTA Registered Place to Play is "**Weybridgeltc - KT13 8LU**". If you are already a member (from a previous club), then please do login and change your Registered Place to Play.

CLOTHING & ETIQUETTE

We do not insist on all white, but recognised tennis clothing must be worn on court. Proper tennis shoes with **non-marking soles** must be worn. If in doubt, please ask.

Good tennis etiquette is expected whilst you are at the club both on and off the court. Therefore please ensure you take a moment to read the separate guidelines 'Playing tennis responsibly and tennis court etiquette' given in the Appendix and available as a separate document.

CLUB RULES AND SAFEGUARDING

Copies of the Club Rules, Policies and other items indicating how the Club meets its obligations are included under 'Club Information' on the website. In particular, we would like to draw your attention to the 'Club Notices' section and our Policy Documents:

- Privacy Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Diversity and Inclusion Policy
- Codes of Practice included in both the Safeguarding and Diversity and Inclusion Policies which are also posted on the Club Noticeboard for ease of reference.

The Club Welfare Officer is: Frances Bayton-Clark - Phone: 07751 315092 - Email: WelfareOfficer@Weybridgeltc.com

We strive for our Club to be a safe and welcoming place. We rely on all of our Members to keep it that way and to report any incidents of concern.

CLUB WEBSITE

The club website is where lots of additional information about the club and current news may be found. You are encouraged to visit frequently. Web address: www.veybridgeltc.com

There is also a password protected Members Area available to all registered members of WLTC. It takes 1 minute to register and supply your own password and thereafter you can get access to the names, phone numbers and email addresses of all members so that you can contact them for playing matches. You can also book courts and see what times are available.

CLUB COMMITTEE

Your committee members, with their area of responsibility, are all shown on the main club website under 'Contact Us'. The Junior Membership contact is Alan Gallant (phone: 01932 220326) and email at alangallant@msn.com.

COACHING

The clubs coaching programme is run by our Head Coach, Adrian Joly. As well as structuring group sessions Adrian is available for individual coaching. He also has a team of coaches who assist with the programme. He will be pleased to discuss any player's development and make recommendations based on their aspirations and availability.

Adrian is happy to be approached at the club or contacted on 07956 464530.

His email is adrian.tennisworks@gmail.com

FRIDAY JUNIOR CLUB NIGHTS

On Friday evenings throughout the summer term our 10 to 15 year old players have an opportunity to gain some low key competitive experience by playing singles and doubles matches in box leagues. There is a small charge of £3 for this event

JUNIOR COMPETITIONS

Each new season we typically enter between 8 and 10 teams in the LTA inter-club leagues. If you are interested in being included please speak to Adrian during the off season. If you are considering testing your skills in an open tournament, local events can be searched on the LTA website www.lta.org.uk/Competitions/Search.

All tournaments are graded and there are always different age groups. Adrian recommends that you speak to him to confirm an event's suitability.

As well as open tournaments, there are also events called "Matchplays." These allow players the opportunity to play two matches against players with an equivalent rating. They are often a preferred route if competition is new to you. You will find most of these listed at www.tennisuk.net/TEMS

You will also need to be a British Tennis member. This is free and is simply a matter of registering as a player on the LTA website.

Adrian also runs a number of internal competitions at the club over the Spring/Summer months.

Friday junior club nights also offer friendly matches with junior members at the club

COURT BOOKINGS

As junior members, when you login to the Member area at the club website you can book courts for up to 1 hour in 30 minute blocks. Juniors and parent members are encouraged to initially book courts 3, 4, 5 (hard courts fenced together) and only book courts 1 or 2 (red clay courts) if no alternative court is available, as adults have priority. Courts will be automatically booked in your name and it is your responsibility to delete the bookings if you are unable to play (Click the red X). If Courts 1 or 2 are used, PLEASE follow the procedure for after play court maintenance (court sweeping and line cleaning). See the noticeboard labelled 'Club Notices' outside the club house for details.

COURT TIMETABLE

Regular bookings for court times are shown in our website at <https://www.veybridgeltc.com/courtusage/>

Notes on court availability:

- **Adult Mix Ins:** Please ensure parent members and juniors don't play during the adult mix-in times. The adult mix-ins are on
 - Saturdays between 1.30 and 4.30pm,
 - Sundays between 10am and 1.00pm
 - Tuesday & Thursday evening from 5.30pm until 10.00pm.

- Club matches against other clubs have priority on bookings
- Bank Holiday Mondays: operate as Sunday morning adult mix-ins unless there is a tournament in the afternoon.
- At all other times courts are available for free play and may be booked for a period of an hour, or in the case of a tournament match, for the duration of the match. Bookings should be made online in the Member Area of the club website.
- In the case of free play when no court has been booked, members should vacate the court after one hour if other members are waiting.

FLOODLIGHT TOKENS

All courts now have floodlights and tokens can be purchased from **Adrian** (ideally during coaching sessions or at the junior Friday club nights) at a cost of £2 per hour. The Practice Wall also has lighting and can be switched on from the toggle switch on the top right hand side of the electrics cupboard facing you as you walk towards the clubhouse.

TENNIS BALLS

Juniors can use the tennis balls in the plastic bucket in the club house – these are the same ones used on Junior Friday nights. However please don't take the balls in the cans/trays by the window as these are allocated to adult members.