



LANSDOWN TENNIS RULES

TENNIS ATTIRE

Appropriate tennis clothing and shoes should be worn at all times

TENNIS ETIQUETTE

Sportsmanship, consideration, and politeness have been part of the game since the beginning of time, so we'd like to politely remind you about a few things

- Talk quietly if you are near tennis courts that are in use.
- Do not walk behind, or enter a court during an active point. Pass as quickly as possible after a point has finished.
- Often a ball from another court will end up on your court. To return a ball simply roll it safely to the back of the court and not direct to a player unless he/she requests it. Please avoid returning any balls during an active point.
- If you are waiting to get on a Free Play court, please be considerate of those playing and let them finish their set.
- Players should switch off their mobile phone (or have it on silent) for the duration of their time on court
- Foul and abusive language and behaviour will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Likewise there is no room for aggressive behaviour. We are a family club and, as such, need to bear in mind the image we are portraying to our younger members.
- Please be considerate to players when reminding them about the above – some of our new players may not be aware, and some may just have forgotten!

GENERAL PLAY

Outside Club Play, Box League matches, Winter Block bookings, Team matches or the Club Championships, where any members are awaiting a court, whether singles or doubles, **those on a Free Play court are expected to vacate at the end of one short set (tie break at 5-5), to give way to those waiting.** Those players vacating a court may subsequently go on another court when it becomes free.

BOOKING A COURT

Members may book courts using the online booking system according to the following rules:

- Members may not book a court for more than an hour and a half on the same day. (This refers to all members on the court – i.e. they cannot stay on court under the guise of another booking)
- If members are not on court fifteen minutes after the time of their booking, their whole session is considered void and other members may take the court. Where necessary, a booking should be cancelled as early as possible to allow other members to use the court. The Committee is within its right to charge a penalty fee to members who book a court but do not play their session.
- Junior members (aged 12 to 17) may only book courts on weekdays up to 6pm and on Saturdays up to and including 12 noon. They may play at other times on a vacant court or with a Senior member (Adult, Young Adult and Young Person membership categories) who shall make the booking, and during any Coach led or organised Club session.
- There is a separate system where members can block book courts over the winter period for an upfront fee, guaranteeing a floodlit court throughout winter. Details are sent round each Autumn.

CLAY COURTS

It's very important that we look after all our courts, but in particular the clay courts which require more maintenance than others.

- All members **MUST** ensure that they brush the court **BEFORE** play, this will ensure that we prolong the life of our courts and keep them in the best condition.
- There is no right or wrong way to brush the courts
- Line brushes are available if the lines are not clear enough
- Please brush your shoes before you leave a clay court, no matter which exit you are using

CLUB PLAY

Participation and Conduct

- Club Play is available to all Senior members (Adult, Young Adult and Young Person membership categories) and Junior members aged 14 or over.

- Members waiting for Club Play should make up doubles games for the next available Club Play court in order of time waiting. If more than 4 members have been waiting for the same time, then members should spin to determine who should play next.
- Each game of Club Play should be restricted to one short set (i.e. tie break at 5-5.)
- Once a Club Play game has been completed, those playing should return to the Clubhouse to determine who will have the right to use the next available Club Play court.
- If a player should leave the courts after a set to take a break for any reason, you must then re-join any existing waiting members and wait for the next available court.
- Pre-arranged 'pairs' or 'fours' are not allowed at any time during club play.
- Non-members playing as guests of members are required to pay the usual visitors' fee before playing at Club Play.
- Any members not participating in Club Play, but using any of the Club Play designated courts for "Free Play" must vacate the court at the end of the current game, or within 5 minutes, whichever is sooner, if required by Club Play Players and if no other so designated courts are free.
- Box league matches have no precedence over Club Play. However, if a box league match begins 1.5 hours prior to the start of club play, players should be given a 15-minute grace period to complete their match.
- Club Championship matches take priority over Club Play (the Club Championship usually takes place in June / July).
- Where notice has been provided to the members that certain courts designated for Club Play are required for Club Play coaching funded by the Club, this activity will have priority over normal or reserved Club Play as the case may be for the duration of that coaching. Coaching sessions of this nature will not normally last for more than 90 minutes or take place more than twice a month.
- Doubles always take precedence over singles.
- A bookable court may only be used for Club Play if no booking has been made.
- Clay Courts should be brushed regularly during club play, the recommendation is every 2-3 sets.
- From 8.00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Seniors (Adult, Young Adult and Young Person membership categories), whose playing ability is broadly equivalent in level to that required for participation in Club match play teams (regardless of whether they choose to play in those teams) have priority to use Courts 5, 6 and 7. For the sake of the rules these will be called Team Standard Players (TSPs).
- TSPs are also encouraged to mix in with general Club Play - and especially from 7.30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- After 8.00pm, to ensure the most even and competitive games possible, TSP matches may be broadly arranged by ability level while ensuring that any TSP waiting is included at the next available opportunity. If not otherwise being used for this purpose, these courts will be available for general Club Play.
- Any members participating in general Club Play on a court and time prioritised for TSP Club Play, must vacate that court at the end of their current short set if required for that purpose and if no other prioritised courts are free.

Timings

- Courts 1-7 are reserved for Club Play by Seniors (Adult, Young Adult and Young Person membership categories) and Juniors from the age of 14 during official Club Play sessions, with the exception of Court 4 which remains bookable throughout.
- The Club has agreed that those engaging in Club Play should enjoy free use of the floodlights when needed.
- Club Play sessions take place at the following times:

Summer Season

- **Tuesday:** *6.00pm-10.00pm on Courts 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7
- **Thursday:** *6.00pm-10.00pm on Courts 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7
- **Saturday:** 2.00pm-5.30pm on Courts 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7

* Club Play may commence at 5.30pm on these courts provided that at least two courts are made available until 6.00pm if needed by the coaching staff for coaching

Winter Season

- **Tuesday:** 5.30pm-8.30pm on Courts 1, 2 and 3 and 7.00pm-10.00pm on Courts 5, 6 and 7
- **Thursday:** 5.30pm-8.30pm on Courts 1, 2 and 3 and 7.00pm-10.00pm on Courts 5, 6 and 7
- **Saturday:** 2.00pm-5.30pm on Courts 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7

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