



## **TENNIS RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **1. DAY TO DAY RUNNING**

General day to day operation of the club is managed by the Club Manager and Head Coach who are responsible to the Board of Directors. Sub committees will be set up from time to time by the Board of Directors for specific events under a Social Director, Tournament Director and such like.

### **2. MEMBERSHIP**

The Tennis Membership year runs 1st April - 31st March. There are 4 main categories of Tennis Membership: Full, Midweek, Student and Junior. Within these categories, Membership is broken up into -

- i) Husband/Wife : Partner/Partner
- ii) Senior
- iii) Midweek
- iv) Intermediate 18-25
- v) Junior
- vi) Junior coaching (Mini Tennis only)

Late payment of subscriptions will incur a penalty charge. Pro rate rates will apply from May for any new member wishing to join.

Each member of the club agrees as a Condition of Membership:

- i) to be bound by and subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Club (as in force from time to time).
- ii) to be bound by and subject to the Rules and Disciplinary Provisions (as in force from time to time) of the Club and the Disciplinary Code (as in force from time to time) of the Lawn Tennis Association.

Non members shall not be permitted to have private lessons or participate in any team activities (training or matches) or performance squads.

### **3. PLAYING TIMES**

**Husband and Wife / Partner and Partner, Senior and Intermediate**

**7am – 10pm every day**

**Midweek**

**7am - 10pm Monday - Friday**

**Junior**

**7am - 10pm every day excluding Saturday 1pm-3pm, Sunday 10am - 12noon**

**Junior coaching – only attending a mini tennis group on specific day/hour**

**Exceptions to the above over Christmas and New Year period will be advised to the membership in writing and posted throughout the club.**

**The premises is to be fully vacated by 10.30pm unless there is an organised event, notice of which will be given in advance to the Groundsman/Caretaker by the Club Manager or Head Coach.**

### **4. COURT BOOKINGS**

**Outdoor Courts: A set of rules is posted on the Booking Board for reference and will be updated from time to time. Outdoor courts are bookable online from 3.00pm once membership has been validated. Floodlights will go off at 9.30pm in accordance with Barnet Planning requirements. No shows will only be permitted twice before a penalty charge of £6 will be incurred (barring inclement weather). If repeated again, charge will increase to £12.**

**Indoor Courts: Bookable online with separate booking instructions available from club office, available once account has funds put in and is maintained. If a member/coach is on an unlit court, they have first refusal to remain on that court but will be liable for an immediate light charge. If, after 10mins another member/coach arrives and wants that court, they have the right to book with lights on. If a member/coach has booked a court and is late in arrival, it is their court and whoever is on, must immediately vacate.**

**Social Tennis v Casual Play - Court Allocation for Saturdays and Sundays**

**Summer rules: dependant on weather**

- i) 2 indoor courts for social - 2 for casual play**
- ii) 3 outdoor courts for social - 1 for casual play**

**Winter rules: dependant on weather**

- i) 3 indoor courts for social - 1 for casual play**
- ii) 2 outdoor courts for social- 2 for casual play**

**No coaching permitted even if court is not being used.**

## **5. COACHING**

Only coaches authorised by the Head Coach/Club Manager (after consent from the Board of Directors) may coach at the club. Coaches must have the relevant DBS checks and be licensed by the Lawn Tennis Association and certificates must be kept up to date and provided to the office on request.

## **6. TOURNAMENTS, MATCHES, COMPETITIONS, CUPS AND PRIZES**

i) The Club Manager or Head Coach (after consent from the Board of Directors) shall make arrangements for holding matches, tournaments or other like competitions, and to provide cups and other prizes for competitions and to reserve courts as may be required on any occasion.

ii) All cups (other than replicas) presented by the club shall remain at all times the property of the club, but the winning member shall be entitled to the possession of the cup for a period of one year, at the expiration of that year, the cup shall be returned without demand to the Club. The cup presented for any Doubles events shall be held by each of the winners for six months each by arrangement between themselves.

## **7. CLUB COLOURS**

The Club colours are dark blue and light blue.

## **8. COURTS - RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSS, DAMAGE OR INJURY**

i) It is a member's responsibility to check the surface of any court they intend to use and the surrounding environment to make sure that it is safe to play. If a member has any concerns, they should address this immediately to the Club Manager or Head Coach.

ii) Members play entirely at their own risk.

iii) The Club will not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury, however caused, to the property or person of such member or visitor.

iv) The Head Coach and or Club Manager or at least two members of the Board present at that time, or in their absence, the Groundsman, shall have the authority to close or open such court or courts if they consider the surface is unfit for play.

## **9. COURT ETIQUETTE**

Members are asked to treat fellow members and guests with respect and follow the Chandos Court Etiquette at all times:

- \* Treat all members and guests with respect at all times
- \* Refrain from hovering by the net to cross a court when play is in progress
- \* Refrain from passing behind players when play is in progress
- \* Turn your mobile phone to silent before going on court to play (Doctors exempt)
- \* Keep noise to a reasonable level
- \* Use your own balls and return strays when a rally is not in progress
- \* Ensure all rubbish is placed in bins provided
- \* Refrain from bringing any food and drinks other than water on court

- \* Refrain from chewing gum on court and if disposing ensure it is placed in a wrapper and placed in the bin
- \* No rinsing and spitting out of water on court or in the bins

## **10. DRESS CODE**

Shoes must be non-marking, flat soled tennis shoes. Please ensure shoes are clean before play on the indoor courts. Members are responsible for making sure that guests are aware of and comply with the Dress Code.

## **11. GUESTS**

A member may introduce a guest to play up to 4 occasions throughout the year. Guests must be signed in and fee paid either to the office or behind the bar before playing. If booking an indoor court, the guest must be signed in online. The adult guest fee is £8 and the junior guest fee is £4.

## **12. CLUB ACCESS**

- i) Members shall have access through the front gate or pedestrian gate via a coded entry system.
- ii) Members shall have access to the Club via a fob entry system which is provided on joining. It is strictly prohibited for a member to allow a non member wishing to play into the premises unless it is a paying guest. Non playing guests will not be liable for a guest fee.
- iii) Transfer of fob to another member or guest is not permitted and will result in that member's fob being deactivated.

## **13. GYMNASIUM**

No persons under the age of 16 years of age are permitted entry into the gymnasium, the exception being if under coach or training supervision. No eating is permitted inside the gymnasium.

## **14. CLUB LOUNGE AND INDOOR WALKWAY**

No ball games, scooters, bikes, skateboards are allowed in these areas. Bikes and scooters should be chained to the bike rails provided outside.

## **15. DOGS**

Dogs are not permitted inside the clubhouse (with the exception of a visually impaired person). If a dog is on club property, it should be tethered between the area of the lounge windows and front courts only.

## **16. MINI TENNIS COURT and GARDEN AREA**

Children must be supervised at all times.

## **17. CARPARK**

- i) It is illegal to park in a 'Disabled Bay' without the appropriate badge. You will be asked to move. Exceptions are for loading/unloading wherein a notification will be issued to the member's or visitor's vehicle.

ii) The Fire Assembly Point is within the Turning Area of the carpark. Parking is not permitted in this area.

iii) Motor Bike riders are asked to park their bikes in the area to the left of the door entrance to the Club and not take up a parking bay.

## **18. COMPLAINTS or SUGGESTIONS**

All complaints or suggestions should be made to the Club Manager or Head Coach either verbally or in writing. If this is not dealt with satisfactory, please address to a Board Member.

## **19. DISCIPLINE**

If any member who wilfully refuses or neglects to comply with the Rules of the Club or be guilty of any conduct unworthy of a person or likely to be injurious to the Club, they shall be liable to expulsion by a resolution of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee. The member will be notified one week in advance before the meeting of the reason for possible expulsion and will have the opportunity of giving orally or in writing, any explanation or defence they may think fit. A member expelled under this rule shall forfeit all rights in and claim upon the club and its property.

The Board of Directors has the power to suspend a member for whatever period it may think fit for bad conduct, including bullying, or any infringement of the Club Rules.

The Board reserves the right to vary these rules during the season and will publish any such changes on the Tennis notice board and club website.

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