

HOUSE RULES

Social Tennis

- There are specific times (below) designated as 'social sessions' when members can turn up and play without having pre-arranged a game.

Sunday

10:00 – 12:00: Beginners and Intermediates

14:00 – 16:30: Full

Wednesday

9:45 – 12:00: Intermediates and Full

19:00 – 22:00: Full

- During the Sunday afternoon and the Wednesday evening social sessions, even if there are vacant courts, fixed 2s and 4s are NOT allowed.
- Although there is no formal transition from Beginner to Intermediate and from Intermediate to Full, members should aim to attend those sessions that are appropriate to their playing standard and, if necessary, be guided by the Head Coach.
- At 'Full' social tennis sessions, the club's Social Tennis Organiser (STO), or other committee member, will put together appropriate sets from those waiting. Their decisions should always be accepted. The STO's objective is to ensure the strongest players have at least one set with those of a similar standard, that 'made-up' sets are reasonably well-balanced and that no-one has to 'sit-out' for an undue length of time. Attendees should bear in mind that social tennis is about mixing-in - not playing exclusively with your friends - such needs are best met during self-arranged fixed 2s/4s.
- In the absence of the Social Tennis Organiser (or other committee member), common sense, unselfishness and courtesy should prevail. When a four comes off court, players who have been waiting longest to play should be prioritised, even at the expense of 'balance'.
- Premier Junior membership, which is granted by invitation to Juniors who play to an adult standard, have all the same privileges as 'Full' adult members and they may attend adult social sessions. This also applies to 'Student/Young Adult' and 'University' memberships. Junior members may not attend social sessions but are allowed to use Court 6 at specified times, rotating with waiting adult groups as appropriate.

Fixed 2s and 4s

- At times other than those detailed above for social sessions, members may arrange to play their own fixed 2s or 4s with other members or (subject to the prevailing rules) with visitors.

- There is no facility for reserving courts other than for internal tournament matches
- In all sessions (social or fixed), players must come off court after one tie-break set if there are other eligible and complete groups waiting. If a fixed 2 (or 4) is not playing a set, they should come off after 30 minutes. Players do not need to vacate their court if there is a court free.
- There may be times during the week, including social sessions, during which some courts are pre-assigned to junior sessions, coaching, inter-club matches or to club tournaments. Matches will be listed in the club diary/noticeboard – regular coaching sessions are shown on the website.

Balls

- Balls for members' use are available in the racks by the front door, four per court: return four to racks after play unless another group is playing straight away. If you feel the balls need replacing please refer to a committee member.

Visitors

- At social sessions, visitors should be of a standard consistent with that of the session. The £4 adult visitor's fee (£2 for Juniors) should be paid prior to start of play into the slot at the end of the bar, if the bar is not open. Members are responsible for their visitor's well-being and behaviour throughout their visit. All visitors' names and emails should be sent to Nigel at nbuckman@outlook.com

HAPPY PLAYING



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