

APPLETON ROEBUCK TENNIS CLUB RULES

1. ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

- Membership is open to all, without discrimination.
- Any person wishing to join the Club must complete a membership form + emergency contact details. The membership form can be found on the ARTC website.
- They should confirm they have read the Safeguarding policy and understood the Codes of Conduct.

Membership categories:

- **Adult:** age 30 +
- **Young adult:** age 18 - 30
- **Junior** - children up to age 18
- **Family:** 2 parents/guardians and all children within the family unit up to age 18
- **Chaperone:** a parent/guardian accompanying a junior member.
- **Day membership**

2. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- Subscriptions are agreed at the AGM and are due on 1st April annually. On payment of the subscription, members will be signposted to the ARTC website, where they will find current fixture lists, constitution, club rules, codes of conduct, and policies.

3. GUESTS

- Members are responsible for collecting visitor's fees from each of their guests at each playing session and handing it to the Treasurer. Maximum number of guests is 3 per member at any one session.
- Potential members are allowed to play at the courts up to a maximum of 3 times during a season, and after that, must apply for membership.

4. PLAYING TIMES AND ELIGIBILITY

- Members may use the courts at any time except when in use for league match fixtures, club nights, tournaments and events, which will be shown on the ARTC website.
- Players are encouraged (although not required) to book a court through the booking system on the club website.
- Players who have booked a court will have priority over those who have not and the non-booked players may be required to switch to another court.
- Playing times are limited to a maximum of 2 hours per session for both adult and junior members.
- A member may book a court up to a maximum of 3 sessions of 2 hours in one week.
- Junior members aged 16 + may attend adult club nights.
- Junior members representing the club in adult league matches may also attend.
- Junior members who are eligible to play at adult club nights may also enter adult tournaments.
- Junior club sessions are for children from age 4 to 16.

5. DRESS

- Tennis shoes, or similar sports shoes, are mandatory for all players. Any other footwear will not be permitted under Health and Safety requirements.
- The Club requests players to wear appropriate tennis clothes.

6. KEYS

- Clubhouse keys are available for purchase by adult members and chaperones and must not be loaned to a non-member or a junior under 18.
- Juniors aged 13+ will be allowed to use the court keys to play without adult supervision.
- A small charge will be made to cover the cost of court and clubhouse keys.

7. CLUBHOUSE

- Juniors under 18 will not have access to the clubhouse unless taking part in coaching sessions, club nights, matches or with a parent/guardian.
- Members are expected to tidy the clubhouse after use and leave it in an acceptable state for other members.

8. COURTS

- The courts are to be used for playing tennis only.
- Spectators are not allowed on court (in line with Health and Safety risk assessments and insurance requirements).
- Members are encouraged to be responsible for helping maintain the courts by dragging the courts to remove any debris and leaves before playing.

9. MEMBERS RESPONSIBILITY

- Members are expected to abide by and ensure others comply with Club Rules and follow the Code of Conduct
- Members should report any concerns about club rules being breached to any committee member as soon as possible. If a member reports a concern, the committee will endeavour to maintain the anonymity of that person.
- Members should refer to the Complaints Procedure Policy and/or Whistleblowing Policy, which can be found on the ARTC website.

The Club Committee shall have the power to expel a member if someone has broken the Club Rules and that person will forfeit their membership fee for the rest of the year. Expulsion from the club will require the support of at least two-thirds of the committee.

Rules may only be amended, added to or deleted after discussions at an AGM or EGM.