



# Barcombe Tennis Club

## Rules and Guidelines

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### **Safety**

1. The courts will be slippery when wet or damp so please check their condition before starting and don't play if you have any concerns.
2. Please play in tennis shoes. They are safer to play in and reduce the wear on the surface. There are pictures on the club house wall showing which shoes are suitable.
3. Inevitably, playing tennis can be a risky activity. Barcombe Tennis Club can accept no liability for injuries or accidents sustained whilst using our facilities. Please use your own sound judgement to keep risks to a minimum.

### **Court booking and use**

4. Courts should be booked using the on-line Booking System. Apart from events and the regular weekly slots for coaching and club organised sessions, no individual booking should exceed two hours.
5. There is no limit to the number of bookings you can make but please be considerate to your fellow club mates: only book when you know you are going to play, and if your plans change cancel your booking promptly using the website.
6. The Recreation ground can get very muddy, please change into tennis shoes on court or use the brush hanging by the court door to clean shoes as the mud makes the courts slippery and adds to the moss.
7. Before starting play check the net height using the net measuring stick which can be found on the coat hooks on each court. When you have finished playing please lower the net to reduce the tension on the net and posts.
8. Please lock up the courts, key box and clubhouse door when you leave. Make sure you set the combination to a random number when you lock the key box.
9. When you join you are entitled to a key to the main door of the clubhouse, please do not give it to others as this undermines the membership concept and is unfair. Inside the clubhouse is a metal box housing the court keys with a combination lock, which will be given out with confirmed membership. Please do not reveal the number of the combination.



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### **Club nights and events**

10. Club night play takes precedence over coaching, tournament matches, rusty rackets, and personal matches.
11. To ensure everyone gets a fair go on Club nights please play in mixed doubles where practical as this allows an even turnaround, especially when busy.
12. If all courts are in use, then singles players are expected to invite those waiting to participate in doubles. It allows us all to play and to get the most out of the courts.
13. When you arrive, and people are waiting, please do not go directly to a court. Please go to the club house and find out who to team up with.
14. If players are waiting, short sets should be played (e.g. 7 games, sudden death on deuce).
15. Senior players take precedence over Juniors (under 14), on Club nights after 6pm.

### **Guests**

16. Guests are welcome; however, they do need to play with a member, who has the key, and they must pay the current guest fee as published on the Club website<sup>1</sup>. This is only fair to all the members. There is a box in the clubhouse for the money, which is a form of honesty box so please use it. Also, please write your details in the guest book.
17. A guest may play up to 3 times in any one year. If they wish to play at the club after that they will be expected to join the club.
18. Visitors holidaying in Barcombe may play as temporary guests paying in advance for an agreed number of 2 hour sessions at the current holiday rate per session as published on the Club website<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Revised 2020

<sup>2</sup> Added 2020