

Club Bye Laws

1. General

- a. In playing the game, the Club shall adopt the Rules and Regulations of the tennis governing bodies of the Lawn Tennis Association and Tennis Scotland.
- b. Members should adhere to the rules and policies of the Club as intimated on the Club website *www.bearsdenltc.org.uk*.
- c. All players shall wear recognised tennis clothes and appropriate tennis shoes.

2. Health and Safety

- a. Players should wait until any rallies are completed before entering the gate(s) to access another court. Similarly, when leaving courts, players should not walk across the back of a court while a rally is in progress. They should enter and leave quickly.
- b. If a match is in progress on a court, social play may only take place on an adjacent court with the permission of the team captains.
- c. Courts should be left clear of balls, bags, etc. When players leave their court, any Club balls which have been used should be returned to the marked containers in the clubhouse.
- d. All short- and long-term hygiene and safety protocols must be followed. These will be displayed on the noticeboard or in appropriate places.

3. Court Access and Booking Arrangements

- a. The courts shall be reserved for league or cup matches, coaching and tournaments on all necessary occasions, of which due intimation shall be given on the Club website.

b. Three courts may be reserved for match practices from the third week of February until matches commence during April. For ladies, this will be on Tuesday evenings and for men, Thursday evenings.

c. Booking Courts

- (i) The Club operates an online booking facility and members should use this to book courts.
- (ii) If you are unable to take up your booking or are going to be delayed by more than 15 minutes after your start time, you should cancel your booking. Bookings are monitored and repeated failures to cancel will lead to action being taken by the Committee.
- (iii) Where a booking is not taken up within 15 minutes of the start time, the booking will be forfeited, and other members may use such a court.
- (iv) As a courtesy to other members, the same player or group of players should not book a court for more than two consecutive sessions.
- (v) If players use or switch to a court which is not already booked, they should book the court before they commence play.
- (vi) For safeguarding reasons, Juniors may only book courts until 2000 hrs.
- (vii) On Saturday afternoons, from 1400 hrs until 1700 hrs and on Wednesday evenings from 1900 hrs to 2100 hrs, courts are not bookable as all courts are reserved for social play. In exceptional circumstances, *e.g.* to ensure the completion of Club Championship ties, the Committee may allow courts to be booked during these periods.
- (viii) During social play sessions, members should ensure anyone waiting to get on court is invited to take part in play. Courts should be vacated for others who are waiting after 30 minutes or 7 games have been played. Singles matches should only be played if others are not waiting.

- (ix) Day Members may only use the courts between 0800 hours and 1700 hours on weekdays.
- (x) All on-court disputes shall be referred to any member or members of the Committee present. Where no Committee member is present and the members involved deem it to be appropriate, the matter should be referred to the Secretary.

4. Membership Fees:

Payment of membership fees should be made by 30th April of the season for which they are due. Members who have not paid by this date and completed an application form will receive a reminder. Failure to do this by a date indicated on this reminder may be interpreted as a resignation from the Club.

5. Visitors:

- a. Members may introduce a maximum of two visitors at a time.
- b. The same visitor can play on a maximum of six times in any one membership year (1st April and 31st March of the following year). Short term adjustments to this rule can be made at the discretion of the Committee.
- c. Fees £2.00 - Junior visitor
 £5.00 - Adult visitor

Payment of Visitors' Fees should be made to any Committee member or be paid directly to the Club by bank transfer (details of which are on the membership application form).

- d. The name of the introducing member and visitor must be recorded on the Visitors' Sheet on the noticeboard before the Visitor commences play. Failure to do this may result in the withdrawal of this privilege from the member concerned.

6. Alteration to bye-laws:

The Committee may alter or add to the above bye-laws at any time. Notice of any changes will be posted on the Club's noticeboard.

BLTC Committee, August 2021