

Standards of Behaviour & Club Etiquette

Beechwood Tennis Club is responsible for setting standards and values to apply throughout the club at every level. Tennis should be enjoyed by everyone who wants to play the game. This policy is fully supported by the Club Committee.

Tennis etiquette is different from the rules of the game. It covers a broad range of actions and are traditionally considered acceptable on and around the tennis court. Here are some actions and behaviours that Beechwood Tennis Club recommends to members:

- All members attending Club Sessions should be inclusive and welcoming.
- When playing please wear recognised sports clothing (not jeans, beachwear or football shirts etc) and most importantly non-marking Tennis Shoes. This is for two reasons, first, other shoes mark and damage the courts and second, non-tennis shoes do not grip the courts as well and cause accidents and injury of you were to fall or slip.
- Show respect and courtesy to your opponent(s), your partner, and others on or near the court. Keep your voice down and confined to your courts as much as possible so as to not disturb players on adjacent courts or neighbours of the club.
- Please do not walk behind players whilst a game or a rally is in progress, this is to avoid distracting other members and most importantly to avoid any potential accidents on court.
- No food or drink is allowed on court except water and sports drinks.
- Mobile phones must be switched off on court.
- Rude and offensive language is not permitted.
- If the club is busy and players are waiting, please ensure you leave your court at the allotted time.
- Please clean shoes before and after going onto the court, this is to stop mud being carried onto the courts and granules escaping the courts and walked into the clubhouse.
- All litter must be removed from courts and grounds at end of play and either deposited in the garbage bins or taken home.
- During Club Play sessions stronger players are expected to adjust their style of play accordingly when playing with or against weaker players.
- All players are expected to observe the accepted standards of tennis etiquette at all times.