

## Biddestone Tennis Club Regulations

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### **Background**

These Regulations govern the day-to-day operation of Biddestone Tennis Club (the “Club”)

The Rules of Biddestone Tennis Club allow the Management Committee (the “Committee”) to determine, implement and periodically update these Regulations.

The Regulations will be posted on the Club noticeboard.

All non-trivial changes to these Regulations will be notified to members.

### **Safety & Security**

The Committee takes reasonable steps to ensure that the Summerhouse, Car Park and Courts (the “Facilities”) are safe and secure.

Members play tennis at their own risk and are asked to apply common sense in looking out for themselves and other members at all times.

The last person to leave the Courts should make sure that the gates are locked with the padlocks provided.

The last person to leave the Summerhouse should make sure that all lights are turned off and the door securely locked.

### **Membership**

The membership year runs for the calendar year. Subscriptions shall be determined by the Committee, and notified to all members at the start of the calendar year.

The Committee will set the available payment methods. No cash will be accepted. Partial refunds will only be given to members who choose to leave the club in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Committee.

All membership applications must be made through the ClubSpark online system. All applications are subject to review by the Committee.

A member who has not rejoined by the 1st March is no longer a member until such point as they re-apply and pay via ClubSpark.

Cases where members seek to change membership category in the year (e.g. from Family to Adult) will be treated on a case-by-case basis.

### **Right to Play**

Members may play on the 4 hard courts (the “Courts”).

Only current, registered and paid members are able to play on the Courts.

The only exceptions to this rule are:

- Guests playing with a member of the Club, up to three times per year
- Guests must be playing with a member of the Club
- Guests are required to observe all of the Rules of the Club
- The host must pay £2 to a Committee Member
- It is the responsibility of the host member to comply with these Rules
- Potential members playing on Club Mornings / Evenings.
- Competitors from other clubs playing in league matches against Biddestone teams
- Residents of Biddestone who may use the single court only on payment of £2 to a Committee Member (see Resident Access on ClubSpark)

### **Court Allocation and Booking**

Bookings for the Courts will be made and recorded on the ClubSpark booking system.

Allocations will be given the following priority order:

- Club tournaments
- Club matches
- Club group coaching
- Private members play

The detailed rules for court booking and allocation are documented on the website, and will be updated from time to time by the Committee.

### **Coaching**

No person may coach others for financial gain on any Court without the prior approval of the Committee.

Paid coaches must have been LTA accredited and have been checked with the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

### **Use of the Facilities**

The Committee must approve all events at the Club, both tennis and social.

Smoking is not allowed on any part of the Facilities, including the Courts, summerhouse and car park.

Alcohol must not be sold on the premises, nor consumed at times other than those approved by the Committee.

Any playing of music should be at a controlled level that does not annoy other users of the club or our neighbours.

### **Court Rules**

Players should comply with the principles of Respect and Fair Play, both on and off the Courts.

Members, including juniors, should wear appropriate sports clothing and footwear when on court.

Take off the court everything you take on – including all balls, ball cans, ring-pulls, banana skins and general litter.

Balls will be provided for Club sessions, tournaments and matches, and must be returned to the summerhouse.

Members should provide their own tennis balls for private games, although they may use the used balls in the summerhouse.

Floodlights on the far courts (3 and 4) are available for use by members at an additional charge.

Members must ensure they are familiar with the operation of the floodlights before use, and ensure they are turned off after play.