

1. SEASONS

The Summer Season shall run from April 1st to September 30th and the Winter Season from October 1st to March 31st each year.

2. OPENING HOURS

The Courts will be open till 10:30pm every day. (Keys must be returned to the Garage before it closes).

3. CLASSES OF MEMBER AND SUBSCRIPTION RATES

The classes of member and rates of subscription will be decided by the Committee each year. They are currently:-

- Senior (Over 18 Years)
- Intermediate (16-18 Years)
- Junior (Under 16 Years)
- Tot (under 6 Years)
- Student (Full Time)
- Family (Husband, Wife and all family members under 18)
- Single Player Family (1 Parent Family)
- Parent Guardian
- Winter

Honorary Membership see Rule 6.

In the event of any dispute regarding part-year subscriptions and/or transfer between member classes, the Membership Secretary and two of the Chairman, Club Secretary and Treasurer shall adjudicate.

4. SENIORS

Courts are available to Senior members at all opening times except:-

- On Monday evenings from 4:00pm onwards which is reserved strictly for junior use only. (i.e. under 18 years). If courts are available and no Junior members are waiting to play, Senior members who are coaching and/or playing actively with the Junior members, may play on this night.
- When matches or tournaments are arranged by the Committee. (NB: Dates of such fixtures will normally be placed on the court booking system).
- Unless closed by the Committee for repair work or any other purpose deemed necessary. (See Regulation 8).

When floodlights are necessary for play use will be in accordance with the Floodlight Regulations (see Regulation 15).

5. JUNIORS

The Junior Secretary shall have power to issue special regulations for Junior members. Such regulations shall be ratified by the Committee before being implemented.

6. CLUB NIGHTS

Senior club nights, where social tennis will be the priority and members encouraged to attend as regularly as possible, will be every Thursday. Such nights will be reserved for Senior members together with Intermediate and invited Junior members.

7. PUBLIC NIGHTS

As a condition of the lease-holder, The Crawford Hall, the courts will be open to members of the public for a nominal fee to be decided annually by the Committee, every Friday evening between 6:00pm and 9:00pm. Access to the courts can be arranged through the Membership Secretary.

8. CLOSING OF COURTS

The Committee shall have the power to close the courts to all members for maintenance or special reasons i.e. hire to school or outside bodies at any times, but will endeavour to email members in advance of such closure.

9. ADMISSION RESTRICTIONS

Admission to the playing court will not be allowed to:-

- a) Children not participating in a game unless accompanied by an adult.
- b) Dogs or other animals whether on a lead or not.
- c) Prams and pushchairs.
- d) Bicycles, tricycles or any other machinery which may damage the surface.

Admission to the club-house is restricted to members and guests only.

10. DRESS

While playing on the courts members and guests must wear sports clothing at all times and only non-marking sports shoes will be worn.

11. COURT AND CLUB-HOUSE KEYS

Any member attending the club-house and/or Tennis Court must obtain the keys by producing their Membership Card at Bidford Garage adjacent to the Club and will leave their Card with the garage until returning the keys when their Membership Card will be returned.

If a member is already on the court on your arrival and is leaving prior to your departure you should hand them your Membership Card in exchange for the keys. They may then exchange this card for their own instead of the keys. You will then at the end of play return the keys to the garage and reclaim your Membership Card in the normal manner.

12. REQUIREMENT ON LEAVING

The last member to leave the courts/club-house is required to ensure the following points are adhered to:-

- Lower the net tension.
- Put away all balls.
- Remove all extraneous items from the courts.
- Lock up courts.
- Switch off all taps in the club-house.
- Switch off heating, fridge, lights and water heater.
- In winter switch off water supply at source.
- Lock up the club-house.
- Return all keys to the Garage before closing time.

13. DAMAGE

Any damage caused or discovered must be reported immediately if possible or in any case as soon as practicable to any Member of the Committee.

14. CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

While on the Club premises all members will conduct themselves with respect for other members and club property. Any member found to be abusive, violent, drunk or disorderly or whose conduct is liable to bring the Club into disrepute will be liable to immediate expulsion.

15. BOOKING OF COURTS AND FLOODLIGHT USE

- a) Courts may be booked in advance using the court booking system. Access to the court booking system can be arranged through the Membership Secretary.
- b) Club Events will have priority over individual bookings (i.e. matches, club nights, junior nights, group club coaching etc.) Members are responsible for ensuring their individual bookings do not clash with Club events.
- c) No individual member or party (if a group booking) may reserve the courts for more than two continuous hours except by the previously obtained permission of the Committee.
- d) The Floodlights may be used, after correct booking procedures have been followed, by the insertion of tokens into the meter situated in the club-house.
- e) The charge for each token will be decided by the Committee who may increase the cost after giving fourteen days' notice to members (by displaying details on the club-house noticeboard), if circumstances deem this necessary. The charge will be ratified or amended each year at the Annual General Meeting.

- f) Tokens may be purchased in blocks up to a maximum of five tokens from the Nominated Committee Member(s) who will record how many have been issued and to whom. The Nominated Committee Member(s) will be displayed in the club-house.
- g) The Treasurer will be responsible for monitoring the meter reading recording usage and report and/or recommend to the Committee amendments to charges as and when necessary.
- h) A single token will allow floodlighting of both courts. If only one court is in use then other members not previously booked may use the unreserved court but must contribute towards the cost pro rata.
- i) No play will be allowed after 10:30 pm. Floodlights must be turned off if illuminated. NB: This is to prevent nuisance to nearby residents.
- j) If a booking will terminate after the Garage is closed (i.e. after 10:00 pm), then members must return the court/club-house keys before this time, ensuring the club-house and Courts are locked securely before leaving.
- k) If a member uses the floodlights without having reserved the court via the Court Booking system, and their use overlaps onto reserved court time, the member must vacate the court when the reserved booking commences and any overlapping time left on the floodlight use will be lost

16. COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

Any person found in breach of these Regulations may be disciplined by the Committee appropriately.

17. CLUB TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

- a) The Club Tournament will be played annually & comprise the following events:
 - Ladies' singles
 - Men's singles
 - Ladies' doubles
 - Men's doubles
 - Mixed doubles
- b) The date/dates of the tournament shall be agreed by the Committee along with the appointment of a tournament organiser.
- c) The tournament is open to all paid up adult members of the club.
- d) An entry fee for each event will be agreed by the Committee.
- e) Notification of the tournament & dates will be circulated to all members by the tournament organiser.
- f) Entries must be received by the tournament organiser before the specified closing date, normally no later than 1 week before the first rounds of the events.
- g) Entrants should pay their event fee to the Tournament Organiser on/before the day they start play in the event. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. Entry fees are not refundable except at the tournament organiser's discretion.
- h) The tournament organiser will review the entrant lists for each event & determine the format of each competition (knock out / round-robin etc.) along with the specific rules applicable to that year's tournament.

- i) The event 'finals' will always consist of a 'best of 3 set' match. The third set can be a championship tie-breaker at the discretion of the tournament organiser.
- j) In the event that insufficient players have entered to enable a 'final' to be played, then that event will not take place.
- k) The tournament organiser along with two Committee Members will seed players as applicable ahead of the draw.
- l) The draw will be made by the tournament organiser & a Committee Member. A further Committee Member must be present to act as a witness.
- m) Partners for Doubles events will be drawn at random, within the principles of the seeding structure.
- n) A schedule of matches, dates, times & rules will be distributed to all entrants by the tournament organiser.
- o) In the event of inclement weather the tournament organiser shall determine if the event/s are to be postponed until another date.
- p) In the event of a player becoming unable to participate in, or having to withdraw from, a match during the tournament, they shall be withdrawn from that event. In such circumstances the following will apply:
 - If a doubles player withdraws, both players in the pair are deemed to have defaulted.
 - If a player / doubles pair withdraws ahead of a match: the losing player / doubles pair from a previous round (or next highest scorer in the event of a round-robin event) are permitted to re-enter the event.
 - If a player / doubles pair withdraws during a match: the opponent claims the match. In the event that there are subsequent rounds, the losing player / doubles pair from a previous round (or next highest scorer in the event of a round-robin event) are permitted to re-enter the event.
- q) The tournament organiser shall make any final decision. However, In the event that the tournament organiser could be seen to have a conflict of interests, he shall ask another Member of the Committee to adjudicate.

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