

# **Birkdale Lawn Tennis Club**

**Sport Section of Southport and Birkdale Sports Club Limited**

## **COURTS, PAVILION AND VISITOR RULES**

Any issues or damage to the section facilities should be reported promptly to the BLTC Committee.

1. Rules relating to the use of the tennis courts include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Members must pre-book using the BLTC ClubSpark booking system available online or by the Booker app and record all participants.
  - b. Members must never share the court padlock code with a non-member. Access to the code will be provided in the booking confirmation email and the number for which will be regularly changed.
  - c. Members must turn off the floodlights after use. The switch for floodlights for courts 1 and 2 is on the outside wall near the squash entrance and the switch for courts 3 and 4 is on the outside wall of the indoor cricket school.
  - d. Members under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
  - e. Members must always use the equipment provided on the courts to sweep off any debris before play.
  - f. Members must not litter the courts or the surrounding area.
  - g. The gates must be closed and locked by the last member on the court.
  - h. Members must take care of the courts, nets, drag mats, fencing and benches.
  - i. Appropriate tennis footwear must be worn to protect the playing surface.
  - j. No member should bring on court any items deemed inappropriate, these include but are not limited to bicycles, skateboards, pets or other extraneous items.
  - k. The nets must be lowered after play.
2. Rules relating to the use of the tennis pavilion include, but are not limited to:
  - a. The pavilion is only available to members or those given access by the BLTC Committee. Access is via a key; and can be requested and purchased from the BLTC Committee. A record will be kept of those who have a key.
  - b. Members must not pass on their keys to anyone else.
  - c. Members must always keep it in a clean and tidy state and lock the door if they are the last to leave the premises.
  - d. In any event, when a person ceases to be a member and has a key, this must be returned to the BLTC Committee at the earliest opportunity.
3. Rules relating to visitors include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Any member may introduce visitors, provided that the visitor's application for membership has not been declined and the visitor has not been excluded by SBSC.

- b. A member may bring only one visitor on any one occasion. The same visitor may not be invited on more than 3 occasions per year. Where possible, members should avoid inviting visitors at peak playing times.
- c. £5.00 should be paid directly to the Birkdale LTC account. It is the member's responsibility to make sure the money is paid as soon as the booking is confirmed.
- d. When booking, the member must indicate the visitor by putting the letter V after their surname when recording participants.
- e. For the avoidance of doubt, house members are not permitted or entitled to use the tennis courts unless signed in as a visitor.

This document is reviewed every five years (or earlier if necessary). This is recommended for approval by:

Birkdale LTC Chairman, Carol Hughes

Date: March 2024

*\* BLTC's policies should be read in conjunction with SBSC's policies and rules. If there is conflict overall responsibility will rest with SBSC with their policies and rules superseding in any respect.*