



## *Club Rules*

By joining Caversham Park Tennis Club, members agree to observe the Club Rules as set out in this document. In the event of a member failing to follow these regulations, the Committee will, at its discretion, apply an appropriate sanction, such as a written warning, suspension of playing privileges (e.g. attendance at club sessions) or suspension of membership in accordance with the Club Constitution (available on the Club website).

- 1) All club members must abide by the LTA Code of Conduct (available [here](#) on the LTA website). In particular, members must:
  - act with honesty, integrity and in a sporting manner (e.g. with regard to on-court matters such as line calls)
  - treat all other members and visitors fairly and with respect
  - not hit, kick or throw a tennis ball, racket, or other equipment with the intention of causing harm or damage to a person or property
  - not verbally, physically or emotionally abuse any other member or visitor in a violent, threatening, intimidating, humiliating or deliberately provocative way
  - not do anything, on or off the court, that is unsporting, insulting or in any way detrimental to the reputation of the Club
  - not use an audible obscenity and/or make an obscene gesture of any kind
  - assist in ensuring the safety and welfare of children and adults at risk in accordance with the LTA Safeguarding Policy and promptly report any concerns to the Club Welfare Officer
  - not commit or engage in any conduct that would constitute a criminal offence
- 2) No members of 12 years of age or under should play without supervision.
- 3) Players must always wear recognised tennis clothing and a top. Suitable footwear must be used. No spikes, studs or raised moulded soles are allowed as these will damage the court.
- 4) No glass bottles or breakable glassware or crockery of any kind are permitted on court.
- 5) Alcohol must not be consumed on court.
- 6) Dogs, skateboards, pushchairs and bicycles should not be brought onto the courts. There is a cycle rack available for members' use outside the courts.

- 7) Court bookings must be made in accordance with the rules set out on the club website.
- 8) Guests, i.e. non-members, shall be subject to the same rules as members wherever applicable. Members are responsible for the behaviour of their guests and for collecting the appropriate visitor fee. There is a black 'honesty box' for this purpose on the wall in the clubhouse. The fee should be put in one of the envelopes provided and the visitor's name written on it. An entry should also be written in the Visitors Book. For security reasons visitors must be made aware that they can only stay and play whilst there is a member present, as the premises must be locked when the last member leaves. Guests of members can play a maximum of three times before being obliged to join the club.

The fees are as follows:

- £4 per guest of a member
  - £4 per court if receiving an individual training session from a GDTennis coach.
- 9) Club balls must only be used during club sessions (and club events). Balls are also provided for the club team matches. New tubes of balls should be opened in the clubhouse before going onto court (to avoid having the ring pull tops lying around on the courts). When play has finished, they should be placed in the cans and returned to the ball cupboard. Players must provide their own balls for privately arranged games.
  - 10) The clubhouse and external gate must be secured by the last member to leave the premises. The following checklist applies:
    - check the fire door at the bottom of the stairs is locked (lift handle up and turn knob anti-clockwise)
    - check disabled access door is locked. Check all windows are closed
    - check all lights are off (including the gents/ladies shower lights and the disabled toilet light) - the toilet lights are on a timer and will go off after 20 minutes
    - ensure the floodlights are switched off
    - check both the front clubhouse doors are locked (pull door handle up, then turn the key). Also check the side door
    - switch off external lights (the grey switches are outside the clubhouse on the corner of the wall below the kitchen window)
    - Lock the outside gate
  - 11) Players play entirely at their own risk.