

# FAIRFORD TENNIS CLUB

## Rules

### Constitution

A copy of the current "Constitution and Rules" is posted in the Club hut or may be obtained from the Club Secretary.

### Additional Rules (approved by the Committee)

1. Members must pay any fees or other costs for membership, coaching, matches or other events promptly.
2. All members and other users must, as a condition of using the Club's facilities, play within the Rules of Tennis and of competitions, and respect officials and their decisions, and also comply with the LTA's Rules and Disciplinary Code, as well as the Club's rules, codes of practice or conduct, procedures and policies.
3. All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity.
4. Members (and their visitors) should be appropriately dressed, wear suitable tennis clothing and footwear, and use approved tennis equipment when playing or taking part in coaching sessions.
5. Suitable flat-soled, non-marking shoes should be worn when playing on the courts.
6. Members should have some form of ID with them when playing, to enable checking of membership status.
7. Bicycles, skateboards etc may not be ridden on the courts as these may damage or mark the playing surface. However, Members may bring them onto the site and place them neatly against the fence or side of the hut, on the grassed area, while they are playing or watching others.
8. Members (and their visitors) must not leave litter (including empty drinks cans/bottles, food wrappers etc.) on the site except in the rubbish/recycling bins provided.
9. Members must not light fires (other than for barbecues) or deposit food, drinks, chewing gum or other materials on the court surface, the area in front of the hut or grassed areas.
10. Members must make sure that the hut is closed up and locked, and that all gates are locked, if they are the last person leaving the site.
11. Members who do not abide by these rules, or who are abusive to other Members or members of the public, may be reported and may have disciplinary action taken against them by the Committee, possibly including loss of membership without refund or compensation.

### Court booking and use

12. Members or coaches may reserve courts using the Clubspark court booking system accessible via the Club website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/FairfordTennisClub>

13. League/Club matches, club organised/approved coaching sessions, club tennis sessions (in that order of precedence) have priority over other bookings and use of the courts.
14. Where possible and within reason, matches in Club competitions should be given precedence over following bookings (except those listed in rule 12 above) and other play, and allowed to complete.
15. For other informal matches, Members should be sensitive to the needs of other Members waiting to play. It is suggested that for these courts should not be reserved for more than 1 hour duration at peak times (late afternoon/early evening) and that, especially if courts have not been pre-booked, it may be appropriate to 'break' at the end of a set to give others an opportunity to play. If players are of a compatible standard, it may also be an idea to 'mix in'.

## **Visitors**

16. It is a general requirement that people using the Club's tennis courts on the Walnut Tree Field should be members of Fairford Tennis Club. Members may invite guests ("visitors") to play with them on a limited number of occasions in each year on payment of the relevant Visitors Fee. The standard Visitors Fee of £12 (payable with Membership) covers up to 6 visitor-days in a Membership Year (1 April – 31 March). These may be all on different occasions or multiple visitors on the same occasion. The same person may play as a visitor on up to 3 occasions in any year, after which they should join as a member if they wish to play again. Multiple £12 fees may be paid (to enable additional visitors/visits) at the Committee's discretion. In addition, ad hoc visitors may be paid for on a £2/time basis, with the money put in an envelope (available in club hut) with the names of member and visitor written on, and posted through letter-box at Fieldcroft, Lower Croft (1<sup>st</sup> on right beyond road junction next to courts, going towards Railway Inn – entrance with wooden gates next to street lamp). The Visitors' book (in the hut) should also be signed, with the name of the visitor(s) and member responsible. These fees do not apply to members of visiting teams for matches or people attending 'open' events agreed by the Committee. Checks will be carried out and any member found to be abusing these arrangements will be subject to action by the Committee. Please respect the rights of other members.

## **Coaching**

17. No coach shall have rights to coach using the facilities of the club unless he/she is working under a valid coach agreement or consultancy agreement with the Club. If the coach is not a Member of the club, other use of the facilities will be at the discretion of the Committee.
18. Coaches will be required to provide lists of all those they have coached there including both Members and non-members and both programme and 'private' coaching sessions, with names and contact details, to the Club Secretary to enable membership status to be confirmed and for Sport England and LTA reporting purposes.
19. All private coaching sessions MUST be booked in advance by the Members involved using the agreed electronic system, with the names of the coach(es), and are subject to the priorities in 13 above. Members are responsible for collecting/paying Visitors Fees to the Club for any non-members taking part in private coaching sessions that they organise.
20. Any changes to coaching sessions under the agreed programme are to be notified as soon as practicable via the booking process.