



MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

At Gosforth Lawn Tennis Club we want everyone to enjoy playing tennis in a friendly atmosphere. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all members and users of the club and believe that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents/guardians should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others.

Abusive language, swearing and anti-social behaviour on the Club premises and courts is not allowed. Such behaviour will result in the offender being banned from club activities and in extreme cases or repeated incidents, and in accordance with paragraph 24.2 of the Club Rules and Regulations membership of the club may be rescinded.

Members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints they may have with the Club President – Please contact by email Gosforthsecretary@gmail.com. or by phone on 0771 9581342

As a member of Gosforth Lawn Tennis Club you are expected to abide by the following Code of Conduct:

All members must:

- Respect your opponents and play within the rules of tennis
- Respect the rights and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity
- Wear suitable kit and footwear for lessons/training and match sessions
- Treat all equipment and courts with respect
- Do not eat, chew gum or take glass bottles onto court
- Remove any litter on the court
- Pay any fees for coaching sessions or events promptly
- Use floodlights in accordance with planning permission conditions with switch off time at 9.30pm
- Remember the close proximity of residents and avoid excess noise
- Collect fees from any guests they invite to the club - place money in the box provided and record in the book (£3 for under 18yrs, £5 over 18yrs)
- Lock the courts, clubhouse and main gate if they are the last to leave the club

Members are responsible for their own and others health and safety which includes removing loose tennis balls from the court during play, being aware of weather conditions which may for example make the court surface slippery.

Variations for Juniors

- Junior members (11yrs and under) should be supervised by a responsible adult at all times
- Junior members of Secondary school (11 and over) may have a key to the club and access the courts. They remain the responsibility of their parents and it is recommended that they have a mobile phone to call their parents if any issues arise while they are at the club

Court Priority

Home Team Matches – Junior and Senior leagues – take priority and dates for these will be found on the website and on the notice board.

After 6pm Senior members take priority over Junior members except where Junior coaching is scheduled on courts 4 and 5.

On designated club nights – Tuesdays for Men and Thursdays for Ladies, all courts are reserved for these sessions. On Wednesdays for social play 3 courts are reserved.

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