



Smoking Policy

Since 1st July 2007 it has been illegal to smoke in any enclosed or substantially enclosed space forming part of Horley Lawn Tennis Club (HLTC, “the Club”) premises. The Club is required to display specific signs¹ and is advised to have a smoking policy.

Policy Statement

This policy applies to smoking of cigarettes, pipes, cigars, cigarillos, water pipes and any other material covered by the Health Act, 2006 and relevant regulations, as amended from time to time. *Unless otherwise stated below it also applies to electronic cigarettes (“E-cigs” or similar) and other tobacco-product substitutes that give off vapour, smoke or other gaseous/particulate emission.*

In compliance with the law, HLTC specifically bans smoking within the Clubhouse and in the garage. The Club actively encourages members, visitors and guests not to smoke, but permits smoking elsewhere on the premises (**excluding on the tennis courts**) except as specified below.

Smoking is not permitted within 5 metres of the main entry door or any other door that may be open from time to time. For safety reasons no-one is permitted to smoke in the car park. Persons under the age of 18 (or older if legislation changes the age when smoking materials may legally be purchased) may not smoke anywhere on Club premises.

Smokers are expected to exercise consideration for others, particularly when in the vicinity of open windows and doors, and should not smoke close to these if smoke may permeate the Clubhouse. Smoking detritus (butts, matches etc) must be fully extinguished before disposal, and then put in an appropriate waste container. If such a container is not available smokers are required to remove the detritus from HLTC premises. It is not acceptable for butts, matches etc to be discarded anywhere on the grounds or gardens other than an appropriate waste container.

Any member, visitor or guest failing to comply with this policy may be asked to leave the premises. Members are responsible for ensuring their guests comply with this policy. Persistent offenders may be denied entry to Club premises at the discretion of the Club committee. If, as a result of failure of any member, guest or visitor to comply with this policy, the Club is prosecuted and suffers financially as a consequence, the Club may, at the discretion of the committee, pursue legal action against the offending smoker(s) to recover any financial penalty and costs incurred.

This policy was approved by the HLTC Committee at its meeting on 10th August 2015.

¹ The size, design and number of signs was relaxed by the Smokefree (Signs) Regulations 2012