

Appendix 1

Hutton Rudby Tennis Club

Consideration for members in respect of use of the facilities.

The main purpose of our club is to provide facilities for, and to promote participation in, the amateur sport of tennis, in Hutton Rudby and the surrounding areas.

We are, however, a voluntary organisation and, as such, rely heavily on our members willingly giving their time and efforts to help by maintaining the courts, the non-playing areas and the pavilion. This support for the club hopefully develops a sense of ownership and, alongside the avoidance of cost, strengthens the social network within. This member investment in the day to day life of the club, is of vital importance to us. Consequently, if you are able, please consider offering some of your time when we are next seeking volunteers for a rota or a working party.

1. Court usage

It is the responsibility of members to ensure the courts are in a safe condition before commencing play. In particular when the courts may have ice or snow on them.

Before embarking on a game of tennis please ensure that the court you are about to play on is free of debris. The Aussie sweep / drag brush located at the front of court 4 is available for all members to use.

There is no formal booking system during the summer months and daylight hours during the winter. The three floodlit courts can be booked, using the club's booking system during the hours of darkness from 1st October to 30th April.

League Matches, Coaching Sessions, Club Night, Squad Sessions and organised tournaments have preference over general play and will be advertised on the club website booking system. Courts not used by the events are available for general play

Non-members are accepted provided they are accompanied by a club member and pay a visitor's fee at the current rate. The club member is responsible for the visitor's fee and their compliance with club regulations. The fee should be handed to a Committee Member or paid directly into the Clubs Bank Account:
Account Number: 19512468 Sort Code: 30-96-26

Non-members are limited to playing three times in one membership year. Thereafter they should apply for membership.

On finishing playing, the players are responsible for the tension being taken off the net and the clubhouse being locked when the last adult leaves.

2. What to wear on court

ONLY shoes suitable for tennis should be worn on the courts. Trainers with black soles or deeply ridged soles **must not** be worn as they will mark and/or damage the court surfaces.

Only clothes suitable for sports (white or coloured) should be worn – defined as recognised sports clothing as sold in sports shops and major stores.

3. Waiting for a court

Should all courts be in use, members should exercise courtesy if there are waiting players. Those playing longest should give up their court on completion of a games current set. As a guide no member should wait longer than 30 minutes to play.

If you are waiting to play, please do not enter the courts. Wait outside the carpeted area until the players finish their game.

4. Coaching

Sessions will be set aside for the club coaches: Derek Edwards and Claire Smith to undertake their duties with the times advertised on the club website court booking system. Coaching is only available to club members although non-members may have three sessions with a coach before deciding to join.

The two coach's, are self - employed and have access to the courts through the decision as a club to offer coaching. Due to the type of delivery and who they are delivering to, the fees for coaching may differ.

The coach may not be using all 5 courts for these sessions and at these times members are welcome to play on the remaining courts. If you are unsure please approach the coach for guidance as they will always try to accommodate members.

5. Consideration for other players

When walking on and off the courts, please consider other players. Wait until a point has ended before walking behind them. If your ball strays into the other courts, please ask for them to be returned at a convenient moment in the other player's game.

Appropriate conduct on court is expected. Loud and/or vulgar language should not be used and aggressive or threatening behaviour will not be tolerated.

6. Squad

Squad will take place on Sunday morning between 10.00am and 12.00 noon. All members who play or would like to play in the club teams are eligible to play. Junior members are welcome at the discretion of the committee. Members who have expressed an interest will be contacted on a Friday and their place confirmed.

Matches will consist of three 30 minute sessions with pairs decided by the organisers with a fee charged to enable good quality balls to be provided.

7. Club Night

Club night will be held on a Tuesday evening between 7.30pm and 10.00pm and will be available to all members. Games consisting of one set will be organised by those present.

There is no charge for club night however members playing under floodlights for whatever length of time will pay a fee of £2 which will reduce to £1 from 1st May – 31st August. Old match and squad balls will be available for use on club night.

8. Ball Machine

The club ball machine is available to members after appropriate training and should be used with consideration for players on adjacent courts. To avoid inconveniencing our neighbour's, court 1 should by preference be used. Before using the machine members should be given guidance on the correct use of the machine. It should not be used in wet conditions.

9. Floodlights

The floodlights are available to all members and coaches to use by payment of the appropriate fee as decided by the committee. For team matches the floodlights may be used as appropriate with the cost of use included in the match fee.

10. Teams

All club members are eligible to play in club teams as long as their club subscription is paid in advance of them playing a match, subject to the League Rules. Members playing within a particular team will select a team captain who will be responsible for organising matches and selecting teams. Should there be any dispute over team captain or other matter within the team then this should initially be referred to the committee chair and if not then resolved by the full committee. Team members will pay a match fee to be decided by the committee to cover the cost of balls, lights and the use of court time.

11. Facilities: court and pavilion use

The courts are for the playing of tennis and tennis training only. The cleaning of the courts is undertaken by a group of volunteers who give of their time to Powerbrush the courts. Regular cleaning and brushing of the courts is required to maintain the playing surface and to extend its useable life. Those undertaking maintenance: Power brushing, application of weed killer will try to avoid times when all courts are being used. However this will involve closing a block of courts and members are asked to cooperate by changing the courts they are playing on to allow this essential maintenance to take place.

The clubhouse and pavilion is available for the use by members with access via a key fob. We do not have a regular cleaner so please leave this facility as you find it. Cleaning equipment is housed in the disabled toilet. Private booking of the clubhouse for members and non-members is available through the committee and a fee will be charged.

12. Health and Safety

In the interest of health and safety members should notify a committee member if they find any part of the court or clubhouse facilities are damaged or require maintenance.

Hutton Rudby Tennis Club hereby adopts and accepts this Use of Facilities document as a current operating guide.

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