

KINGSWOOD LAWN TENNIS CLUB – CLUB BYELAWS

December 2023

It is a condition of membership that all members and their visitors observe these Bye-laws at all times

CARE AND RUNNING OF THE CLUB

- **Though the club employs a gardener and cleaners on an occasional basis, the care and running of the club are in the hands of volunteers. This includes running club sessions, care for the courts, the club house, the bar serving and restocking and all other facilities, plus the regular social events put on at the club.**
- **If just 10 people are volunteering then the individual workload is immense, if a 100 people just do a little then the workload for each is small.**
- **Please help us by doing what you can, even small tasks are welcome.**

USE OF COURTS

- Sweeping the clay courts and brushing the lines is expected after use.
- Shake excess clay off the dragnet just outside the baseline before hanging up.
- Rinsing off shoes on exit from the clay courts stops the spread of clay across the clubhouse and grounds.
- Remember to take all your belongings and any rubbish off the courts.
- The tennis courts are open for use;
 - Monday to Friday 8.00 am to 9.30 pm.
 - Saturday, Sunday and Bank holidays 8.00 am to 8.00 pm.
- Booking court 3 is required if you want to use the practice wall.
- To protect the courts, no bicycles, tricycles, skateboards, roller skates, roller blades, pushchairs, or anything similar, may be taken onto the courts.
- Members must expect to be asked if they are a member by any Committee or Club Member.
- Members need to be considerate to other members junior and senior, and our neighbours by not playing in a noisy fashion nor using foul or abusive language on court.
- Balls are provided for use outside the clubhouse and renewed periodically. In winter they are kept in the club house.

BOOKING COURTS

- There is a court booking system in place on our website and mobile app.
- Adult members can book courts via the online system a week in advance. Parents may book a court on behalf of a junior member.
- Please cancel bookings that are not going to be used or being held provisionally as this can stop other members from playing.

COURT ALLOCATION

- Courts are allocated on the following priority
 - Committee-sanctioned events (eg Club Championship Finals, Club functions, Court maintenance)
 - Club sessions (eg Saturday mornings, Saturday afternoons)
 - Team matches
 - Coaching sessions
- Matches
 - All matches booked on the Clubspark Court Diary must be booked through a centralised system controlled by a committee member.
 - Courts can be requested by team captains ahead of the 7 day booking restriction.
 - Sunday Matches
 - 2 clay courts can be reserved for matches from 10h30, being mindful that a social session starts at 2 pm.

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- If a second match is scheduled for Sunday it can start after the club session on courts 1 and 2 at 11h30 and courts 3 and 4 must be used for the clay court match on the same day.
- Saturday Matches - Can only take place after the club sessions on courts 1 and 2 at 11h30

USE OF FLOODLIGHTS

- The flood light switches are located in the store room.
- Only courts being played on should be lit.
- Court 3 should only be used if courts 4 and 5 are already in use.
- Hours of usage per our planning permission are :
 - Monday to Friday till 9.30 pm
 - Saturday till 8.00 pm
 - Sunday and bank holidays, floodlight use is not allowed

CLUBHOUSE AND OUTSIDE AREAS

- Coffee and Tea are available in the kitchen to all members and their visitors.
- If you are the last person to leave the club make sure the clubhouse is locked (including windows).
- Close and lock the gate if you are the last person to leave the grounds.
- We welcome people using the chairs and cushions but please return the chairs to their original positions and store outside cushions in the storage bins after use.
- All children in the play area need to be supervised by an adult..
- All items in the bar area must be paid for.

PARKING AND DRIVING

- There is a speed limit of 20 mph when driving through the Kingswood estate.
- Park with care, ensuring optimum use of the Club's car park..
- If you do have to park on the road, do not obstruct any neighbouring entrances.
- Do not park on grass verges.

DRESS

- Tennis shoes must be worn when using the courts.
- Members are encouraged to dress in recognised tennis wear, especially when representing the Club.

CHILDREN

- An adult must accompany Junior members and/or visitors under the age of 12.
- On the advice of the Club Coach or at the Committee's discretion, Junior members of an appropriate standard may be invited to attend Club Adult Sessions.

SAFEGUARDING - please refer to the Club's website for details

VISITORS

- Adult visitors are expected to pay a fee of £3 and juniors £2 for use of the courts.
- The Visitor fee must be paid directly into the club's bank account before play.
NatWest: Sutton

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Account name: Kingswood Lawn Tennis Club
Sort Code: 60-21-08
Account No: 43437249
Reference: v/fee + your surname

- The member must book the court being used on the Club Spark system before play to identify the member who is bringing the visitor.
- Unless authorised by the Committee, no visitor may be introduced to play on more than three occasions in any one year. A member may not introduce more than three visitors on any one day.
- The member must enter the names of all visitors in the visitors' book provided in the Clubhouse before play.
- Visitors and parents of juniors are welcome to use all the club facilities available to members.
- Junior members may only introduce junior guests and can pay visitor fees for a term.

DOGS

- No dogs or other animals shall be allowed on the courts.
- Dogs brought to the club must be kept under control.

CLUB LIABILITY AND DISCLAIMER

Members or visitors bringing vehicles, rackets, clothing or any other property to the Club do so at their own risk. The Club, the Committee and members thereof will accept no responsibility for any loss, damage or injury to members or their property howsoever caused.