

HANDBOOK



We want all members to enjoy our club.

Please follow these rules to help the club run smoothly.

Jon Lawson, Club Chairman



COURT ETIQUETTE

- Do not walk behind a court during an active point.
- Balls from another court should be rolled to the back of the court.
- If a serve is out let it run to the back of the court.
- Do not criticise your partner or opponent but offer encouragement instead.
- Call out line calls clearly and if unsure play a let.
- In doubles, both receivers should agree on a line call, if not sure play a let.
- Always respect the line calls of your opponent.
- Do not argue with your partner or opponent and always be pleasant on court.
- Do not deliberately hit a ball at an opponent.
- Apologise if your ball hits the top of the net and falls to win the point.



BOOKING A COURT

Please book a court for when you intend to play. Bookings can be made on our booking page using the same LTA log in details you used when you joined the club online - guidance is available on our website.

Please be aware that from April to June league matches will need to take precedence over Monday and Tuesday club play sessions.

TENNIS BALLS



The Club provides two varieties of balls. Please look after them and use them for the intended sessions.

Please use 4 balls per court and ensure that all balls are returned to the correct place in the clubhouse at the end of play.

Men's night and League matches - US Open.
These can be found in the floodlight cupboard.

Ladies and Mixed tennis - Head.
These can be found in cabinet

Juniors
The large basket of balls in the clubroom are for Juniors. Orange and red balls are located in the garage.



COURT ROTATION

When players are waiting to play it is expected that those on court play a short set of 7 games, except where someone wins the set 6-0.

Players waiting to play can do so in the club house or outside, and should signal to the players on court that they are ready to play.

We expect players to mix with new teams and partners during clubs play.



FLOODLIGHTS

Members must use the lights respectfully and turn them on/off as and when they are needed. During winter months floodlights should only be turned on after 5pm.

The last players must ensure that the lights are switched off (even if they have gone off on the timer).

One light will remain lit for 10 minutes to allow members to collect their belongings and lock the gates safely.



DRESS AND SHOES

Members are expected to wear appropriate tennis clothing, which includes coloured clothing. Non-marking tennis shoes must be worn to avoid damage to the courts



LEAGUE MATCHES

Full details of this year's fixtures and results can be found in the tournaments section of the website.

Members are encouraged to inform a committee member or Club Captain's; Sarah Le Vaillant Stokes, Jay Williamson, Richard Foggin or Jon Lawson if they wish to be considered for any of the teams.

We currently play in the Men's North Somerset and Avon summer Leagues as well as the Ladies Avon Tennis Leagues.

Please use 4 balls per court and ensure that all balls are returned from where you got them.

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COACHING

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JUNIORS AND CAMPS

The club has a thriving junior section led by the Club's Junior Representative Justin Smith and Head Coach Henry Hoult. Please refer to the junior section of the website or contact Justin or Henry for further details nltcjuniors@gmail.com

Club Coach Henry Hoult runs holiday tennis camps and competitions during most of the school holidays. Details can be found in our Coaching section of the website and our Nailsea Tennis coaching page on facebook. We will normally email all parents well in advance with details.

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THE NEWSLETTER AND NOTICEBOARD

The club has a six-monthly newsletter providing details about what has been happening at the club and what is coming up. Watch out for it in your inbox every April & October. It will also be added to the news section of the website.

Please regularly check the noticeboard for information concerning events, functions and tournaments.



SECURITY

We ask all members to take responsibility ensuring the gates to courts, cupboard doors, garage door and clubhouse are all locked if you are the last to leave.

If you are the last player to leave the club, please ensure:

- You've lowered the nets.
- The court gates and garage are locked.
- Balls are returned from where you got them.
- The clubhouse cupboards are locked.
- The clubhouse door is locked.

Always exit from the central outside door using your key card when you are the last person in clubroom.

Thank you, if we all follow these simple rules we can keep our club and the facilities secure.



KITCHEN

Please leave the kitchen area tidy after use and always wash up your mug and return to the cupboard.



CLUB MAINTENANCE

Although the club has all weather courts, club members are often asked to please help with repairs, control weeds, trim the conifer hedge and generally to maintain the clubhouse.

Mel Thomas is our Maintenance representative and regularly organises Maintenance days and asks for volunteers. We normally make the most of it with bacon rolls and coffee, any many hands make light work.

It is the responsibility of all members to please help maintain our club on an ongoing basis for the benefit of all.