



NEWMARKET URC TENNIS CLUB - Club Rules 2023/24 Season

Rules

1. Prospective members must pay their annual subscription before they play.
2. To ensure court availability and to avoid disappointment, the ClubSpark online booking system must be used to secure a court for play.
3. Guests invited by a club member. Guest Day Membership fees are £5.00. It is the responsibility of the club member inviting the guest to collect all "guest fees", to enter their guest in the Guest Book in the Clubhouse and pass the fee to the Treasurer as soon as possible.
4. Public Guests may play once court has been booked and fee paid on ClubSpark website. Fee is £10 per hour per court for public guests
5. Tennis clothes or track suits only to be worn during play.
6. Tennis shoes only to be worn on court. Heavily patterned hard soled training shoes are not permitted as they have been shown to damage the surface of both the hard and the grass courts
7. The hard court is not to be used if the surface is sweating (heat softened), as permanent damage may be caused.
8. Play is not allowed on the grass courts until after 11:00 am.
9. On no account must any of the courts be used for activities other than tennis.
10. During club sessions, short sets only (1st to win 6 games) to be played if other members are waiting to play.
11. Juniors must be 12 years of age or over to use the courts without adult supervision.
12. Children below the age of 12 years will only be allowed to use the courts when fully supervised by a parent or other responsible adult member who has accepted full responsibility for the child's conduct. Children are expected to comply with all other club rules, including those relating to dress and equipment.



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Newmarket URC Tennis Club Safeguarding Policy Statement

Newmarket URC Tennis Club acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and adults at risk. The club is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice and LTA requirements. A copy of the club's full safeguarding policy is available from any management committee representative. [Paul Wand p.wand@virginmedia.com]

The club's safeguarding policy recognises that the welfare and interests of children and adults at risk are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that regardless of age, ability or disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, socio-economic background, all children:

- have a positive and enjoyable experience of tennis at **Newmarket URC Tennis Club** in a safe and inclusive environment
- are protected from abuse whilst participating in tennis.

Newmarket URC Tennis Club acknowledges that some children, including disabled children and young people or those from ethnic minority communities, can be particularly vulnerable to abuse and we accept the responsibility to take reasonable and appropriate steps to ensure their welfare.

As part of our safeguarding policy **Newmarket URC Tennis Club** will:

- promote and prioritise the safety and well-being of children and adults at risk
- ensure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and is provided with appropriate learning opportunities to recognise, identify and respond to signs of abuse, neglect and other safeguarding concerns relating to children and adults at risk
- encourage and maintain a culture where people feel able to raise a genuine safeguarding concern and are confident that it will be taken seriously
- ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents/concerns of abuse and support provided to the individual/s who raise or disclose the concern
- ensure that confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored
- prevent the employment/deployment of unsuitable individuals
- ensure robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in operation

The Club Welfare Officer can be contacted on:

Janet Aitken – email janet@anglianprecision.co.uk Tel: 01638 750748

The club's policy and procedures will be widely promoted and are mandatory for everyone involved in **Newmarket URC Tennis Club**. Failure to comply with the policy and procedures will be addressed and may result in dismissal/exclusion from the club.

Whistleblowing

Anyone who does not feel comfortable raising a concern with the Club Welfare Officer should contact the LTA Safeguarding Team directly on 020 8487 7000, the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) or the NSPCC on 0800 800 5000. Further details about whistleblowing can be found in the club's safeguarding policy.

Monitoring

The club's safeguarding policy will be reviewed every two years, or sooner in the following circumstances:

- changes in legislation and/or government guidance
- as required by the Local Safeguarding Children Board or LTA
- as a result of any other significant change or event.