

Oswestry Tennis Club Rules of Play

1. Compliance with the rules of the LTA and the Association

In consideration for being able to use the facilities, all members using these facilities agree:

- to be bound by and subject to the rules of the Association (Tennis Shropshire) - as in force from time to time
- to be bound by and subject to the rules and disciplinary code of the LTA (or such successor entity or entities as become(s) the governing body of the game of lawn tennis from time to time) as in force from time to time.

All members using these facilities acknowledge that the above is intended to be enforceable by the LTA and/or the Association directly or by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999

2. Court availability

School Term Time

Mondays	5.45 – 10.00pm	Club Session from 5:45 until 8pm (Court 2 only) Court 1 is bookable for the whole evening.
Tuesdays *	5:45 – 10.00pm	Team practice 7 until 10pm
Wednesdays	4:30 – 10.00pm	Club Session from 5:45 until 8pm.
Thursdays *	5.45 – 10.00pm	Bookable courts
Fridays	4.30 – 10.00pm	Bookable Courts
Saturdays *	All Day – 10.00pm	Bookable courts
Sundays	All Day – 10.00pm	Club Session from 10.00 – 12.00

Members must be mindful that Oswestry School have the use of the courts at ALL other times and so even if the courts appear to be empty OTC members are not permitted to use them outside of the times stipulated above.

During School holidays the courts are available to members until 10.00pm every day. (School holiday dates will be shown on calendar and the booking sheets will show court availability)

In order to comply with the lease agreement, OTC members must only use the courts according to the times agreed with Oswestry School. If any of our members use the courts at any other times OTC could be in breach of contract and be stopped from using the courts at all!!

OTC Insurance Policy is also only valid within the times agreed. Outside of these times neither the club nor its members would be covered.

3. Using the Courts

- Tennis courts are used at members' own risk.
- Members must only use the courts when the condition of the courts allow after giving consideration to surface water and ice.
- Please ensure that any accidents which occur on or in the vicinity of the courts or clubhouse are entered into the accident book which is kept in the clubhouse.
- Members must provide 3 or 4 tennis balls, in good condition, for club sessions.
- Members must wear appropriate footwear to protect the court surface and must wear suitable tennis attire to maintain the image of the club

- ADULT members may invite visitors to play providing they sign the visitor's book in the clubhouse and take full responsibility for them whilst they are on the premises. Visitors may play up to 3 times before deciding whether to take up membership.
- Members should **ALWAYS** remove the nets and posts to the sides of the courts at the end of play during term time. In school holidays the nets should still be removed to the side as strong winds can cause the nets to blow over causing damage to both the court surface and the nets themselves.
- The ball machine is to be used at members' own risk and must be stored away in the clubhouse after use. The machine is only to be used when the balls are dry as damp balls block up the machine preventing it from operating correctly. Use of the ball machine must be recorded in the log by the notice board so that usage can be monitored.

4. Clubhouse

- Please ensure that the clubhouse and the courts are safely locked up, lights are switched off and alarm is set.
- Please help keep the clubhouse clean tidy and safe. Club tennis equipment should be put away in the storage shed.
- Please wash up any used cups mugs plates cutlery etc and put them away
- Please do not put any items of food in the bin to prevent unpleasant odour, and take any unused food or drink home with you, do not leave it in the fridge
- If the bin is full please empty it into the large bins located next to the nursery, and replace the bin bag

5. Health & Safety

- Persons within the club who are responsible for H&S are the Committee. If members experience or notice any H & S issues or defects to the grounds or equipment that require urgent attention, please contact a committee member.
- For any non-urgent matters please enter into the H&S / Defects book.
- Please note there is a first aid box on the wall by the entrance door. This is stocked regularly but if members notice something missing or items out of date or items that may be useful but are not included in the kit please advise any committee member.
- All accidents must be logged into the Accident Book.
- In the event of a fire, ensure all people in the clubhouse, on court and the surrounding areas are made aware and make sure they leave immediately and gather at fire assembly point, the court gate by the school. Call the Fire Brigade.

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