



CHILTON & SEDGEFIELD TENNIS CLUB

Thanks for joining! We look forward to seeing you on court or at one of our social events during the year.

Here are a few key things we thought you'd like to know. Please get in touch if you have any other questions or suggestions.

Please note that the park is run by a charity and we aren't a private tennis club, we have an agreement with the Trustees of the charity to operate the club at the park. That does mean that the information below may change during your membership period and we will advise you if, and when, that happens.



PARK OPENING HOURS

The park is open during the summer at the following times:

Summer (1st April - 30th September) **8am till 9pm**

Winter (1st October - 31st March) **9am till 4pm**

We operate a Court Booking system on our website, please make sure you book a court prior to playing. If you have any problems with a court booking please get in touch.



FACILITIES AND PARKING

There are 4 courts - courts 3 and 4 situated at the front of the park and 1 and 2 to the rear, behind the pavilion.

The main pavilion building is currently closed but the toilet facilities are open.

There is no car park on site but you can park on the road outside of the main gates or in the lay-by further down the road. All we ask is that you please don't park on the grass.



CLUB SESSIONS

We have different club sessions throughout the week. These are open to all of our members, with no limit to the number of sessions you can attend. We will notify you of any changes to the club sessions throughout the season. Currently they are:

Sunday: 1:30pm - 4pm (for all experience levels)

Tuesday: 1:30pm - 4pm (for all experience levels)

Thursday: 1:30pm - 4pm (for all experience levels)

Wednesdays: 5pm - 9pm (summer only - team squad training)

We use Whats App and the Spond app to keep people informed of the social sessions and to arrange singles or doubles games. If you would like to be involved in the groups let us know.



COACHING

We offer an extensive coaching program, for all ages, in association with the Durham Community Tennis Partnership - run by Level 3 Head Coach Sam Stokoe.

As a member you'll be able to get a discount on the vast majority of the sessions and courses.

*Please note that all coaching is currently suspended. We hope to resume a full program as soon as possible.



SOCIAL EVENTS, TOURNAMENTS & LEAGUE TENNIS

We run club tournaments throughout the year, both singles and doubles, and will keep you informed of any that are arranged.

We typically organise an open day in the summer and have a presentation and quiz evening towards the end of the year. Keep your eyes out on email, our website and Facebook for more information about club events.

We enter teams in the Cleveland league and Darlington league, which has men's, ladies and mixed doubles events. If you are interested in playing league tennis please get in touch. Please note that membership doesn't guarantee you a place in these teams, that is down to numbers and team captain's decisions, but we endeavour to include everyone. You'll be asked to pay a small match fee that goes towards balls used in competitive matches.



CLUB RULES

The focus is very much on having fun but there are some rules which we ask everyone to adhere to, in order to improve the experience for everyone.

- The club member(s) using the court is responsible for ensuring that the courts are not used for any purpose other than tennis; no other games or sports are allowed on the tennis courts
- Animals, skating, roller blading & cycling are not allowed on the tennis courts
- Please ensure you take all rubbish with you or use the bins provided, this includes drinks bottles and empty ball tubes and pull tops
- Players play on court at their own risk
- The Tennis Club accepts no responsibility for the loss, theft or damage to personal possessions during a court booking
- All members must play within the rules and respect their opponents. Bad language and aggressive play will not be tolerated
- All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity
- Members are not allowed to smoke, vape or chew gum on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions. Alcohol is not permitted on the courts
- Please keep the clubhouse tidy and (when in use) wash and put away any cups/crockery etc.

Any member who breaks these rules may have their membership revoked. No refund will be provided in these circumstances.



WIMBLEDON TICKETS/LTA MEMBERSHIP

Every year Wimbledon run a ballot for club members to be given the opportunity to purchase tickets for the Championship. You can enter this ballot, free of charge, by signing up for an LTA membership and opting in to the ballot when it opens.

You can sign up on the LTA website and become a Play+ Advantage member - as part of this process you'll nominate Chilton and Sedgefield as your club.

The ballot is organised by the LTA and they'll email you when you can apply.



SAFEGUARDING & CLUB POLICIES

We take safeguarding very seriously and our policy and statement can be viewed online or provided upon request. With safeguarding in mind anyone under the age of 13 must be accompanied at the venue by an adult at all times, unless taking part in a club organised event, such as coaching.

Please contact our Welfare Officer, Tony Williamson, on 0777943313 if you have any concerns about any safeguarding matter.

We also have other club policies that can be viewed online, including our Code of Conduct, Diversity and Inclusion policy and Whistleblowing policy. All members must adhere to these policies.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The club is run by a small group of volunteers, if you wish to get involved in supporting the club please contact Tony, our Chairman. For general information please email sedgefieldlta@gmail.com.

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