



SHTC Booking Courts and Play Policy

- Courts may be booked for a period of either one or two hours, subject to availability.
- Some courts are allocated for coaching, no other court can be booked for coaching.
- If you need to cancel a booking, please update the booking sheet at your earliest opportunity.
- Members can bring a guest to play on a maximum of three occasions. The visiting guest fee is £5. The fee must be paid prior to play starting.
- From time to time the club may book tennis courts for social/members events.
- Courts cannot be booked during Family Afternoon and Club evenings.

Social Club Tennis

Wed from 6.30 pm, Sat & Sun from 3 pm

- Doubles play has priority over singles play on club social days/nights. Singles shall not be played when all courts are in use and other members are waiting.
- When you arrive, place your racket next to the main court gate indicating you are the next person available to play.
- Singles shall not be played when all courts are in use and other members are waiting. A made-up four has priority over singles play on any court.
- If your set reaches 6-6 and other members are waiting to play, then you should not play a tie break. If no one is waiting, playing a tie break is fine.
- When a member arrives to play, they have priority to go on the next available court ahead of those who have already played a set.
- After a set has been completed, players must leave the court and wait their turn for the next available court by placing their racquets along the fence near the main court entrance.

Team Matches

- Three or Two courts are used for SHTC Team home matches, these will be clearly marked on the booking sheets with appropriate notice.

Family / Junior Sunday Afternoon

- From 1 to 3 pm juniors (and parent members) have priority on court 1-2-3. Adults must move if juniors are waiting to play.



SHTC Court Etiquette

- Have fun. The entire objective of playing tennis, aside from being good aerobic exercise, is to have fun! It's a game and should be enjoyed as such.
- Members and their guests must wear recognised tennis clothing when on court.
- Everyone must wear appropriate tennis shoes to enter the courts. No one may enter the court unless s/he is wearing tennis non-marking shoes with rubber soles.
- Please ensure that you always wear your membership shoe tag.
- Do not leave empty cans, bottles or any other rubbish on the courts, all litter must be removed at the end of play and deposited in the bins provided.
- All balls should be collected at the end of play and, if not yours, returned to the appropriate rack in the clubhouse.
- Please dispose old-unwanted balls in the white bin provided.
- When entering and leaving the courts, please always observe basic manners: wait for the end of a point before walking across the back of another court. Those playing on courts four and five should use the far gate to enter the playing area. Always close the gate behind you.
- No bicycles, scooters, skateboards are allowed on courts.
- When leaving the courts please use the brushes provided to remove sand from shoes before entering the club house.
- Please be sporting and always show respect to all players.
- Please, in summer/dry season, sweep the courts after use with drag net, it is polite to next users and helps maintain the courts to a high standard.
- You call the ball on your side of the net. If you saw the ball out, it is out and your opponent has to accept it with good grace. But you must be sure. If you are in any doubt, the ball is in!
- You may of course challenge your opponent's call, by asking if he or she is quite sure. If they are not, then the point is yours, or you maybe agree to offer a let and replay the point.