

Rules for play at Toddington Tennis Club

Memberships

- 1) Memberships run from April 1st through to March 31st. All members are required to provide contact details to the club through a completed membership form obtainable online or from the clubhouse.
- 2) New members are offered favourable discounts on their first year of membership subscription and may be offered pro-rata deals at later times at the discretion of the committee.
- 3) Weekday membership limits play to before 5PM on Weekdays only and does not entitle the member to participate in Club championships or represent the club in inter-club team play.
- 4) Life memberships may be granted to those aged 75 and over. Applicants that have been a member for more than 5 years or have provided service to the club, become eligible, and can apply to be endorsed by the committee.
- 5) Under exceptional circumstances (e.g. fractures/breaks or operations curtailing play for a long periods), a refund /partial refund of membership subscription may be offered, at the discretion of the committee.
- 6) Guests are allowed to play but must pay a guest fee of £5.00 per session. It is the responsibility of the host player/member to collect this and forward it to the committee. Guests are allowed to play a maximum of 3 times per year. At peak times, when there are paid members waiting, guests must give up their right to play as a guest. In these circumstances, their guest fee is refundable.

Clubhouse

- 1) The club house is only accessible during social play, club functions, coaching sessions, when there is a match supervised by a team captain or his delegate, or when there is a committee member present. On entry to the club house, the back door is locked and all further access is via the main patio doors once the shutters are raised. This maintains visibility of persons entering and leaving the clubhouse whilst play is continuing, needed for security reasons.
- 2) Floodlights are provided free for use a) during social evening sessions Tuesday and Thursday evenings, b) during interclub match play, c) during club championship heats, d) any official club function. The floodlights should automatically switch off at 10PM due to our lease conditions.
- 3) The Key safe in the club house should only be accessible by committee members and match captains. It should not be left open after the item required has been retrieved. It is the responsibility of the person opening it, to make sure it is then secured.
- 4) Valuables, equipment and mobiles are left at the owners' own risk in the clubhouse during play.
- 5) The person(s) last to leave the clubhouse should be a committee member or team captain/delegate. They are responsible to ensure that the kitchens are tidied, key safe locked and all lights are turned off. This includes the toilets and disabled toilet. Shutters must be closed and patio doors locked. The Ball cupboard (in Gents) should be locked. Floodlights must be switched off. Exit is via the rear door only.

Courts

- 1) Access to the courts by members is by a coded padlocked gate. The padlock code and any update will be emailed to members on joining or when changed. Notice of code change will be given in advance of the change. The code should not be divulged to friends and other non-members to avoid/minimise unauthorised court use during non-social session hours.
- 2) Non-members can hire a court for sole use at the rate of £10 per hour. The money should be forwarded IN ADVANCE, to a committee member or the Treasurer direct. If for some reason, the courts are not available at the booked time, the visiting persons will be entitled to a full refund. Booking shall be entered on the clubhouse calendar to avoid confusion.
- 3) Interclub league matches and championship matches should be entered on the clubhouse calendar or displayed on the noticeboard in advance to avoid double booking.
- 4) The Club shall provide balls for play during club social sessions and club functions. The Club shall provide new balls where required for Inter Club matches and club tournament finals, and at appropriate times during club social sessions where current balls have deteriorated to detract from adequate play. At times when the clubhouse is unavailable, members must provide their own balls.

Court Etiquette

- 1) Do not use your mobile phone on court.
- 2) Please talk quietly when standing near tennis courts that are in use.
- 3) When play on a court is in progress, access to adjacent courts is via the net-line, not the back of the courts. Players should wait until a suitable break in play before crossing courts.
- 4) During social play sessions, when there are members waiting in the club house, those playing on the courts should play the 'one point deuce' rule to avoid the possibility of long sets with lots of deuce games. This is where if you reach 'deuce', the next point is the deciding point. The receivers can decide who receives the serve.
- 5) When sending balls back to a neighbouring court, roll them to the back of the court. Never send them back while play is in progress.
- 6) Call your own lines and let your opponent hear the call. If the ball is good say nothing and play on. Always try to respect the line calls of your opponent. If there is a disagreement, replay the point.
- 7) Return the ball to your opponent if their first serve is a let.

Further information can be obtained by visiting our website: -

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