

# WALMLEY TENNIS CLUB RULES



These rules and information were originally introduced in 1993 and have been revised in July 2005, March 2011, March 2014, September 2016, June 2020, October 2022 and May 2024 to reflect all the changes since the club's inception and apply to all club members and those affiliated to the club.

## 1. GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION

### 1.1 Times of play

1.1.1 Courts are available for play from 9am Monday-Saturday and 10am on Sundays and Bank Holidays unless otherwise agreed by the Club Committee with reasonable notice having been given. All play must stop at 10pm on Mondays – Saturdays and 8pm on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

### 1.2. Membership categories are as follows

#### 1.2.1 **Senior Full** – over 25 years

Entitled to unrestricted play, subject to court availability.

#### 1.2.2 **Young Adults** – 18-25 years

Entitled to unrestricted play, subject to court availability.

#### 1.2.3 **Junior**

Full playing member. Up to 18 years old. Entitled to unrestricted play, subject to court availability.

#### 1.2.3. **Off Peak** Mon – Fri (9am to 3 pm)

Concession membership. Entitled to unrestricted play from Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm, subject to court availability.

#### 1.2.4. **Student** (Living at Home / Away)

Must be able to prove their status as a full time student to qualify for this category. Entitled to unrestricted play, subject to court availability.

#### 1.2.5 **Senior Citizen** (over state pension age )

Entitled to unrestricted play, subject to court availability.

1.2.6 **Parent Play** ( named parent to play with their child/ children who are Junior members, before 6pm Mon- Fri and anytime at weekends)., subject to court availability.

1.2.7 **SUSPENDED** Designed for members who are incapacitated due to illness or injury at the **start of the membership year**). In this case membership may be re-established during the season at a rate to be determined by the committee.

Members must advise club secretary of a date when their membership shall recommence.

1.2.8 **WINTER LEAGUE MEMBER**. All players competing in the Winter League must be a member of Walmley Tennis Club. Those who are not will be charged a winter membership to play and use the Club facilities.

## **1.2.9 Honorary Lifetime Member**

### **Guidelines for nomination and election of an Honorary Life Member:**

1. Nominations should be submitted to the Committee by a Nominator and a Secunder and be accompanied by an outline of the case supporting Life Membership and be supported by testimonials if considered appropriate.
2. Nominees, Nominators and Seconders must be members of Walmley Tennis Club (WTC).
3. Nominations that the nominee has contributed outstanding service will be presented for voting at a meeting of the WTC Committee and must be accepted by a two thirds majority decision.
4. Nominees should not be made aware of their nomination, to avoid disappointment in the event their nomination is unsuccessful.

### **Eligibility criteria for the nomination of candidates for Honorary Life Membership:**

1. Honorary Lifetime Membership should recognise long and valued service.
2. Nominees should normally have 10 years' membership of Walmley Tennis Club.
3. Nominees would be expected to have made an outstanding contribution to Walmley Tennis Club.
4. Areas of contribution might include: playing, \*coaching, organisational, management, administration.

\* if any area of contribution is remunerated a complimentary membership for a set period should be considered as an alternative to honorary lifetime membership.

### **Benefit**

Honorary Lifetime Members will enjoy the benefits of membership without paying an annual fee.

### **Withdrawal of Honorary Lifetime Membership**

The committee reserves the right to withdraw Honorary Lifetime Membership in circumstances where this is felt to be appropriate.

## **1.3 New members**

1.3.1 Individuals wishing to join the Club are required to complete the Club application form or register online through ClubSpark / Walmley.

On completion of the application form / online registration and submitting the appropriate monies, new members shall be admitted to the Club.

## **1.4 Fees**

1.4.1 Membership fees are reviewed by the Club committee, renewed annually and approved at the AGM.

1.4.2 Membership fees are non-refundable.

1.4.3 Members may bring a guest with them to play up to 3 times. After that, a £5 fee is payable either by posting it in the club postbox with name and details or by online payment to the club. It is the member's responsibility to ensure this happens.

1.4.4 Non-members who are taking part in an LTA campaign such as 'Play Your Way', may under club supervision use pre-allocated courts at pre-agreed times using the court booking system (see court booking) for a £10 per hr fee.

## **1.5 Dress code**

1.5.1 Clothes must be of a recognised sportswear design (no jeans).

1.5.2 Tops must be worn at all times.

1.5.3 Shoes must be designed for sport.

## 1.6 Security and safety

1.6.1 Members will be advised of the keybox code to access the key to the gate and Clubhouse. It is imperative the key is returned to the keybox immediately. Members must not share the keycode with non-members.

1.6.2 It is the responsibility of the last member leaving the site to ensure the main gate is properly locked and the clubhouse is secure.

1.6.3 Fire extinguishers are located in the clubhouse. Members should familiarise themselves with the appliances and their location.

1.6.4 Glasses or glass bottles should not be taken on the courts at any time.

## 1.7 Refreshments

1.7.1 Refreshment stocks such as tea and coffee etc. are provided by the club. Donations are gratefully received for drinks etc. and a tin is in the kitchen area for donations. Out of courtesy to others please wash up and leave the kitchen area tidy after use.

1.7.2 Only alcohol purchased through the main bar may be consumed on the Trust Grounds (Rugby Club site). Any member found abusing this rule is contravening the licensing rules and may have their membership withdrawn.

## 1.8 Complaints

1.8.1 Complaints concerning these rules may be made verbally to any member of the Club Committee. If unresolved the complaint may be referred in writing to the Chairman.

## 1.9 General

Out of courtesy to local residents and other users, noise levels should be kept to a reasonable level at all times.

The courts, **clubhouse**, and grounds (**and all equipment therein**) should be **treated with respect**, kept tidy and free of litter.

Neither abusive language **nor unacceptable behaviour** will be tolerated and if a complaint is made then an enquiry will be undertaken to ascertain which member is responsible.

## 2. RULES AND INFORMATION

### 2.1 Senior Club Night

2.1.1 **Times** Tuesday and Friday 6.30pm-10pm. Friday, Saturday morning from 10am for social tennis

The objective of these sessions is to 'turn up and play' with other club members and is the integral part of our club ethos. Courts to be booked by designated lead member of the session.

2.1.2 **Format** Social tennis is for doubles comprising of one short set. i.e. first pair to reach 6 games is the winner. Singles are permitted subject to court availability.

2.1.3 **Courts capacity** When members attending a social session exceed the court capacity the order of play shall be determined by the senior club night organiser.

## **2.2 Junior Club Night**

2.2.1 **Times** Wednesday 5-6pm all year round. Organised and led by coaches and may be assisted by members.

## **2.3 Visitors**

Members are permitted to introduce guests to the club and use facilities for free up to a maximum of three times per year. After this please pay £5 per guest fee into the post box (with members name and details) in the club or by online payment– this is the member’s responsibility to ensure this is paid to the club. Members must take responsibility for their guests.

## **2.4 COURT BOOKINGS**

2.4.1 Courts must be booked online via <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/WalmleyTennisClub>. Court booking is free for members and at agreed days and times may be available for booking by non-members at a £10 per hour per court.

## **2.5 NORMAL RULE**

2.5.1 WTC reserves the absolute right at all times to exclude members who, in the opinion of the Committee, are not upholding the values, ethos or good name of the Club.

The following additional rules have to be included in our constitution at the request of the LTA (Lawn Tennis Association) as Walmley Tennis Club is registered as an LTA ‘Places to Play’:-

### **1. Defined terms**

1. In the rules, unless the context requires otherwise:

- “Disciplinary Code” means the disciplinary code of the LTA in force from time to time
- “LTA” means LTA CLG and its subsidiaries or such successor entity or entities as become(s) the governing body of the game of lawn tennis from time to time
- “member” means a member of the Walmley Tennis Club
- “Rules” means the rules of the LTA as in force from time to time

2. Each member agrees as a condition of membership:

- A. to be bound by and subject to these rules (as in force from time to time) **1**;
- B. to be bound by and subject to the Rules and the Disciplinary Code **2**.

3. Rule [2(1)] confers a benefit on [the LTA] and, subject to the remaining provisions of this rule, is intended to be enforceable by [the LTA] by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999. For the avoidance of doubt, the members do not intend that any term of these rules, apart from rule [2(1)], should be enforceable, by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999, by any person who is not a party to this agreement.

4. The Walmley Tennis Club Management Committee may terminate the membership of any person, or impose any other sanction they determine to be appropriate, in connection with the breach of any condition of membership set out in this rule.

## **The Walmley Tennis Club Management Committee**

1. The Walmley Tennis Club agrees that each member of the Management Committee will be required, as a condition of election or appointment, to agree to be bound by and subject to these rules, the Rules and the Disciplinary Code, such agreement to contain an express acknowledgement that the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 applies and that [the LTA] and [the club/registered place to play] can enforce any breach at its option and in its sole discretion **3**.

## **Coaches and players**

2. Walmley Tennis Club agrees that all unlicensed and unregistered coaches and, so far as reasonably practicable, players and other persons using the facilities of [the club/registered place to play] will be required, as a condition of such use, to agree to be bound by and subject to these rules, the Rules and the Disciplinary Code, such agreement to contain an express acknowledgement that the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 applies and that [the LTA] and Walmley Tennis Club can enforce any breach at its option and in its sole discretion **4**.