

Woodthorpe Tennis Club

Rules

Approved by Club Committee: October 2024

1 GOVERNANCE

The Club is a Company limited by guarantee (Woodthorpe Tennis Club Ltd) which is known as **WOODTHORPE TENNIS CLUB**. It is a private members' club.

If there is a conflict between these Rules and the terms of the Company Articles, the terms of the Articles shall prevail.

A Committee of up to 6 people elected from the membership manage the Club. Committee posts include:-

Chair

Treasurer

Secretary

Ladies Captain

Men's Captain

Committee members are also Directors of the Company.

2 FINANCIAL YEAR

The financial year of the Club ends on the 30th April each year.

3 AFFILIATION TO THE LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Woodthorpe Tennis Club is affiliated to the Lawn Tennis Association and, in addition to these Rules, applicable rules of the LTA and of Nottinghamshire LTA shall also apply.

4 MEMBERSHIP

The membership year of the Club runs from 1st May to 30th April.

Admission

Anyone wishing to become a member must apply for membership via the Club's joining page of the ClubSpark system. Members will be admitted or otherwise in accordance with the Company Articles.

Conditions

In applying, members agree to:

- abide by these Rules and the Company Articles
- comply with all Club policies and codes of conduct in force at the time. These include codes of conduct, Safeguarding policy, Equality and Diversity policy, Complaints policy
- comply with any other policies that may be introduced from time to time

A copy of the Articles, these Rules and all policies will be available on the Club website or on request from a member of the Committee.

Rights and restrictions

There may be classes of membership, dependent on age, residence or time of play and these may be amended by the Committee from time to time.

All ages relate to 1st May of the membership year.

Membership Fees

A member must renew his/her membership on the 1st May each year. Any person who has not renewed his/her membership by the 31st May will be deemed to have resigned as a member and to have forfeited all rights and privileges of membership.

Members renewing their membership after the 31st May will be subject to a late renewal penalty of an amount agreed by the Committee.

Some membership classes may be payable via monthly instalment at a rate to be set by the Committee. This arrangement does not constitute a monthly membership.

Subscription costs for new members joining on or after the 1st June will be based on proportionally reduced rates of 1/12 for each month.

Resignation

A member shall be deemed to have resigned if his/her membership subscription remains unpaid after the 31st May

Members who voluntarily resign are not eligible for a refund (in part or in whole) in respect of their subscription fee.

5 COURT USAGE

All play must be booked on the court booking page of ClubSpark. Club / coaching sessions, matches and events are pre-booked by the organiser, leaving other times available for members to book for general play. The Committee may determine conditions for booking to ensure as much usage and fairness as possible.

Players must vacate the court at the end of their booking if the court is booked for the period immediately following.

Members are required to cancel a court booking immediately on finding they can't use it.

Where any individual member has booked a court but has not occupied it within 10 minutes of the start time, the booking may be regarded as void.

6 GUESTS

Any member may introduce guests to the Club, other than anyone whose application for membership has been declined or who has been expelled from the Club.

Guests should not be introduced at times when this would prevent other members from playing.

The member introducing the guest must enter the name of the guest as a participant within the court booking on ClubSpark and pay a guest fee of the amount determined by the Committee from time to time.

The member introducing the guest must accept responsibility for the safety and behaviour of the guest whilst on Club premises, including advising the guest of all applicable policies.

No one may be admitted as a guest on more than four occasions in any membership year.

7 COURTS and GROUNDS

The Committee may suspend or prohibit play if any court is deemed unfit or unsafe for use, either due to weather conditions or the condition of the surface of a court.

Should the court be deemed unsafe, members should not attempt to alter its condition by any method unless agreed by a Committee member.

While there is no compulsory dress code for play, members and guests must wear appropriate footwear and clothing, including tops.

There is no smoking throughout the courts, grounds and clubhouse.

Dogs must be kept under control on a lead at all times and never on a court.

Anything with the potential to damage a court e.g. hot drinks or food, should never be allowed or placed on any of the courts.

8 FLOODLIGHTS

The floodlights switch off automatically and cannot be used between 10pm and 8am to comply with planning restrictions.

Members should also switch off the lights manually when leaving a court empty.

9 DAMAGE, INJURY AND LOSS

Neither the Club, nor any officer of the Club can be held liable for any damage, injury or loss caused by any act or omission of a member. All members and guests must comply with all health & safety policies in force and must accept responsibility for their own safety.

10 ANTI-DOPING POLICY

The Club is committed to maintaining the integrity of the game of tennis and any misuse or abuse of drugs conflicts with the customs and tradition of tennis.

The use of prohibited substances and doping methods is banned under the LTA and ITF rules and the Club upholds those same principles.

11 INTERNET

WiFi internet access may be provided in the clubhouse. Members agree not to use this for any purpose that is unlawful, contrary to the Safeguarding policy or which would affect the security or capacity of the service.

The network password will be changed regularly and must not be given to anyone under the age of 18 other than by the applicable parent.

12 COMPLAINTS

If a member has a complaint concerning any aspect of the Club, they may raise the matter informally with any Committee member. A formal complaint should be reported to the Secretary via the Club email address woodthorpetc@gmail.com. It will be dealt with in accordance with the Complaints policy.

13 RULE CHANGES

The Committee reserves the right to make, amend, alter or revoke these Rules at any time in the interests of the Club and its members. Any such amendments to the Rules will be notified to all members as soon as practicable.