

# Elstree

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## LAWN TENNIS CLUB

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# Membership Rules

May 2008

## 1. Classes of Membership and Fees

FULL, MID-WEEK, STUDENT, JUNIOR, ASSOCIATE, SOCIAL and TEMPORARY.

Fees are to be renewed by May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. If fees remain unpaid by the end of May, the Committee can declare the membership to have ceased. Fees include current LTA subscriptions for adults and juniors. A reduction of £5 p.a. will be made in respect of each £100 debenture held.

*Mid-week members* are generally restricted to playing between 9.00am and 5.00pm Mondays to Fridays (and are normally excluded from play on Bank Holidays).

*Students* are aged between 16 and 25 on May 1st and in full-time education.

*Junior members* are aged under 16 years on May 1st.

*Associate members* may not participate in Social Tennis but may otherwise play tennis and use the facilities of the Club. This membership is **only** open to new members (or renewing Associate members) and will be converted to Full or Midweek membership when the Committee decide that the member has reached an appropriate playing standard. The Full/Midweek subscription for the rest of the membership year must then be paid (credit will be given for the Associate membership subscription already paid).

*Social members* may use the facilities of the Club and are welcome at all non-tennis functions.

*Temporary membership* may be arranged with the Membership Secretary.

## 2. Weekly Playing Calendar (may be subject to revision)

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| Saturday:  | 9.00am-1pm<br>1.30pm-5.00pm                     | Junior coaching<br>Club social tennis                                |
| Sunday:    | 9.30am-1pm<br>1pm - 4pm                         | Club social tennis<br>Junior social tennis                           |
| Monday:    | 9.30am-12.00noon<br>4pm - 6pm<br>6.30pm onwards | Club social tennis<br>Mini tennis<br>League matches where applicable |
| Tuesday    | 6.30pm onwards                                  | Club social tennis   |
| Wednesday: | 6.30pm onwards                                  | League matches where applicable                                      |
| Thursday:  | 9.30am-12.00noon<br>6.30pm onwards              | Club social tennis<br>League matches where applicable                |

**Social Tennis** is an opportunity for members to mix. During such periods, doubles must be played in preference to singles and short sets must be played if people are waiting and there are no free courts (ie a set of 6-5 maximum). The general rule is first come, first served and players are expected to take the first available court. *As members arrive, they should join the end of the queue of players waiting.* All eligible adult members are welcome, as well as students provided that they are of an appropriate standard.

At all times members must show courtesy and consideration to each other and resolve any difficulties over court usage in a friendly spirit. Where necessary, the decision of the Committee will be final. The Committee may announce Club tournament matches, from time to time, which take priority over social tennis sessions.

At times when no activity is scheduled, all members are free to use the courts, within the time restriction periods of their membership class. If necessary, Club matches, including junior matches, may be arranged at times other than regular ones.

There is no court fee or pre-booking system. Juniors should give way to adults and students but they should be allowed to finish off a short set. Juniors should be allowed priority on three courts from 4.30pm-6.00pm weekdays.

Only tennis shoes may be worn on the courts. Appropriate clothing or a recognised form of tracksuit should be worn when playing.

### **3. Visitors**

Must be sponsored by a member, be of an acceptable standard of play and pay a visitor's fee, as displayed in the Clubhouse, per visit prior to playing. No visitor may play at the Club on more than three occasions. Please notify a member of the Committee in advance if you would like to bring a visitor to a Club session. The Visitors' Book must also be signed. Every member of a visiting team will be considered an honorary member for the period concerned.

### **4. Parking**

Please use the main car park. Please do not park outside the Clubhouse - for fire and safety reasons.

### **5. Competitions and Tournaments**

Ladies, mens and mixed teams are entered in the Watford & District League. There may also be friendly and junior matches. Various Club tournaments will be held and members are encouraged to take part.

### **6. Coaching**

Paid coaching may only be arranged through the official Club coach (see noticeboard).

### **7. Care of Club Property**

All facilities of the Club are for the use and enjoyment of all members. Please look after them. Be vigilant about security and lock the door if the Clubhouse is unattended. Ensure that the last person to leave the Club has keys to lock the Clubhouse and front gate. Lower nets after playing and return balls to Clubhouse, if nobody is waiting. Do not leave litter for others to clear up and please remove any litter left on court.

Report any suspicious or unruly behaviour or nuisance to a Committee member in the first instance. If this is not possible, and the problem is of a serious nature, phone the Police on: 020 8905 1212 x6612.

### **8. Keys and Tokens**

Court keys are issued by applying to Peter Hayes (020 8236 0718) and on payment of a £5 refundable deposit. These keys also operate the front gate. Those adult members wishing to have access to the Clubhouse may apply to Peter Hayes for the alarm code and Clubhouse keys, which require a £10 refundable deposit. Keyholders will be responsible for setting the alarm and securing the premises on leaving. Tokens for floodlights are also available from Peter (the cost per hour is displayed in the Clubhouse).

### **9. Tennis Balls**

Tennis balls are provided for Club matches and social tennis only, **not for private tennis games.**

### **10. Injury, loss of property**

Members or visitors who leave vehicles, rackets, clothing or any other property on the Club premises do so at their own risk. The Club will not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury resulting from any cause. Any injuries sustained on the Club premises must be entered in the Accident Book which is in the Clubhouse.

### **11. Standards of Behaviour**

Mobile 'phones should be switched off when playing on court. If it is necessary to use a mobile 'phone, please do so well away from the courts, so as not to disturb the players.

Members should obey all the above regulations and behave properly to each other and to the Club. The Committee has the power to suspend or terminate membership of any member or to exclude any member or visitor whom it may consider guilty of misconduct in relation to the affairs of the Club or offensive behaviour towards any other member or guest.

### **12. Wimbledon Tickets**

Wimbledon tickets made available to the Club, will be distributed only to paid-up tennis members according to an equitable system decided upon by the Committee and at their discretion.