

MEMBERSHIP RULES July 2024

I. Classes of Membership and Fees

FULL, STUDENT, JUNIOR, SOCIAL.

Fees are to be renewed by 1 May of each year. A surcharge may be levied if payment is not received by that date. 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.

Full Members may play at any time, provided that all courts are not being used for matches, tournaments or permitted coaching.

Students are aged between 16 and 24 years on 1st May and in full-time education.

Junior Members are aged under 16 years on 1st May

Social Members may use the facilities of the clubhouse and the car park. They are welcome to participate in all non-tennis functions but are **not** permitted to play on the courts or sponsor a visitor.

2. Social Tennis (may be subject to revision)

Saturday from 1pm

Sunday from 9.30am

Monday from 9.30am

Thursday from 9.30am

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 (i.e. a set of 8 games. If score is 4-4, one final game may be played.). The general rule is first come first served, and players are expected to take the first available court and make up the first available four. As Members arrive, they should warm up then join the end of the queue of players waiting. All eligible adult Members are welcome, as well as students if 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 will take priority over social tennis sessions.

At times when no activity is scheduled, all Members are free to use the courts. Club matches, including junior matches, may be arranged at times other than regular ones. Please consult the google sheets link in the website for up to date scheduling

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 on weekdays.

Appropriate tennis clothing or a recognised form of t-shirt /tracksuit should be worn when playing and suitable footwear must be worn on the courts. Bare feet or sandals are strictly forbidden. Shoe tags must be worn when playing.

3. Visitors

Must be sponsored by an accompanying Member, be of an acceptable standard of play (if joining a club session) and pay the visitor's fee as outlined below. No visitor may play at the club on more than three occasions irrespective of their sponsor. Please notify a member of the Committee **in advance** if you wish to bring a visitor to the club. Every member of a visiting team will be considered an honorary member for the period concerned.

Full members are allowed to bring guests a maximum of 3 times. Guests pay £7 per visit for adults and £4 for juniors. The member must email Juliette Radford julietteskates@gmail.com on the day or day before bringing a guest. They must state guest's **full name**, date and time of play and pay by bank transfer **before commencing play**. They do not need confirmation from Juliette. Please arrange payment via **SORT CODE: 20-74-09, ACCOUNT: 10147435, REF: Member's full name**

4. Parking

Please only use the main car park. Please do not park outside the Clubhouse - for fire and safety reasons. Please adhere to the 5m speed limit for everyone's safety.

5. Competitions and Tournaments

Ladies', men's and mixed teams are entered in various local Leagues. There may also be friendly and junior matches arranged from time-to-time. League matches take priority for court access. Various Club tournaments are held throughout the year and Members are encouraged to take part.

6. Coaching

Paid coaching for adults and juniors may only be arranged through the official Club coaches or with the express agreement of the Committee – see notice on the website. Details of our approved coaches are available on the website.

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 returns all balls to the Clubhouse, has keys to lock the Clubhouse and drop the shutters, checks the court gates are padlocked, padlocks the main gate and checks all floodlights are off. Do not leave litter for others to clear up and please remove any litter left on court. Smoking is strictly forbidden on all club grounds.

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, dial 999.

8. Keys

Adult Members wishing to have access to the Clubhouse may apply to Juliette Radford julietteskates@gmail.com for keys, which require a £10 refundable deposit. Key holders will be responsible for securing the Clubhouse upon leaving. Once you become a Member you will be informed of the code to the padlock for the front gate and all the courts. Padlock combinations must not be shared with any non-member. Failure to adhere to this rule may result in membership termination.

Access to the clubhouse is necessary to operate the floodlights. If you do not have a key, please do not turn on the lights if you are going to be the last to leave. Floodlights for courts 1-3 are operated by the barrel key attached to the wall by the floodlight boxes. Floodlights on courts 4-6 are turned on using the switches next to these boxes. All floods must all be turned off by 10pm. If they automatically go off, you must still switch them off in the clubhouse or they will automatically come back on later.

9. Tennis Balls

Tennis balls are provided for Club matches and social tennis. These balls remain club property and must not be removed from the premises. Please only use the balls in the white basket for play. The Vermont balls are specifically for use in the ball machine only.

10. Ball machine

The ball machine is always used at your own risk. It should only be used after training by a member of the Committee and in accordance with the guidance notes in the clubhouse / website. You must be aged over 18 to operate the ball machine as it has high speed moving parts which can cause serious injury. Never use the ball machines in wet conditions. Please ensure that you collect all the balls from court (or the surrounding area) when you have finished. Always plug the ball machine in to recharge for the next user. The remote control for the Spinfire Pro is kept in the shoebox in the back kitchen. Please always return it to that specific place so that it does not get lost.

11. Health and safety

The Club is committed to the health and safety of its members. To ensure facilities are safe and in good working order, arrangements are in place for the periodic inspection of the grounds, courts, equipment and club house. Requirements for maintenance and remedial action are kept under regular review. If you identify issues that could affect members' health and safety please notify Juliette Radford julietteskates@gmail.com or another member of the Committee.

12. 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. In case of serious injury please notify a member of the committee as soon as possible.

13 Standards of Behaviour

Mobile phones should be switched off when playing on court. If it is absolutely necessary to use a mobile phone, please do so well away from the courts so as not to disturb other players. Members and their guests must be dressed appropriately at all times including wearing the correct footwear.

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 of offensive behaviour towards any other Member or visitor.

14. Safeguarding and child protection policies

The Club's safeguarding and child protection policies are set out on the website at www.elstreetennis.com. Members are required to sign indicating that they have read, understood and accept them.

Safeguarding officer is Karen Benardout: Safeguardingelstreetennis@yahoo.com