



# Elstree

## LAWN TENNIS CLUB

### **MEMBERSHIP RULES March 2021**

#### **1. Classes of Membership and Fees**

FULL, STUDENT, JUNIOR, SOCIAL and ACCOMPANYING PARENT/GUARDIAN

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 year on 1<sup>st</sup> May and in full-time education.

*Junior Members* are aged under 16 years on 1<sup>st</sup> May

*Accompanying Parent/Guardian* may only play with their child/children on court 6 unless it is being used for coaching. In this event play is authorised on court 4 or 5, but not during adult social timings (whether social or Covid pre-arranged is being played at the time)

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

#### **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. 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 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, 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.

Appropriate tennis clothing or a recognised form of tracksuit should be worn when playing and suitable footwear must be worn on the courts. Shoe tags must be worn when playing.

### **3. Visitors**

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

### **4. Parking**

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

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

Ladies', men's and mixed teams are entered in various local Leagues. There may also be friendly and junior matches. 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 outside the Clubhouse and 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, 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 Peter Hayes (020 8236 0718 or email: hayespeter@aol.com) for keys, which require a £10 refundable deposit. Key holders will be responsible for securing the Clubhouse on leaving. Once you become a Member you will be informed of the code to the padlock for the front gate and courts. Padlock combinations must not be shared with any non-member. Failure to adhere to this rule may result in membership termination. Keys for floodlights are attached to the wall by the floodlight switches. Floodlights must all be turned off by 10pm.

### **9. Tennis Balls**

Tennis balls are provided for Club matches and social tennis.

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **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 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 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](http://www.elstreetennis.com). Members are required to sign indicating that they have read, understood and accept them.

### **15. 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.

