

THE CIRCLE TENNIS CLUB Ltd (“the Club”) - RULES



1. GENERAL (INJURIES AND BREAKAGE)

Members take personal responsibility for themselves, their children and their guests while attending the club premises. Members must guarantee that they are fit to play and are equipped and attired appropriately, especially regarding their footwear.

Members must also make their own assessment as to whether the courts are fit for play prior to starting any game, particularly in wet or frosty conditions. Any debris, standing water or spillages should be cleared from the courts before play, and brushes are provided in the clubhouse for this purpose. If the courts are icy you must not play.

Club members will be held responsible for any breakage or damage caused by themselves, their children or their guests and a member of the Club Committee should be informed as soon as possible – contact details are available in the clubhouse.

Incident Recording Guidelines

Incidents and accidents should be reported to the safeguarding/welfare officer by email at the earliest opportunity and recorded in the accident book in the clubhouse. Then follow the instructions in the accident book. Records will be kept for at least 3 years. Names and addresses of any possible witnesses should also be recorded.

Please notify us immediately of any incident that involves:

- any falls on the court or the surrounds
- any circumstance involving damage to 3rd party property
- any head injury
- any eye injury

Please note that the above list is not exhaustive and, if in doubt, an incident should be reported.

A first aid kit is provided in the clubhouse.

Any requirements/requests for maintenance should be noted in the maintenance book in the clubhouse.

2. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual subscriptions are due on 1 April each year.

If payment has not been received by 30 April, membership is deemed to have lapsed. If the Club operates a waiting list for membership, lapsed members would need to re-apply to join that list.

3. CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

There are 5 categories of membership:

- Adult: 18 years and over on the date of registration.
- Couples: 2 adults living at the same address.
- Junior: Under 18 years on date of registration.
- Family: A maximum of two adults and up to two juniors at the same address.
- Student: In full-time education.

All members will be issued with a coloured shoe tag denoting membership which should be worn at all times when using the courts. Failure to wear your tag may result in your being asked to leave the courts.

The number of members shall be limited. The limit from year to year will be determined by the Club Committee. When the determined limit has been reached, membership shall be closed and a waiting list introduced. The Club Committee has the right to refuse any membership application in accordance with the Club's constitution.

4. BEHAVIOUR

Any incidents of bad behaviour will be viewed very seriously and may result, after investigation, in expulsion from the Club or other sanction. Members will be competitive, but this should not lead to shouting, swearing or abusive language etc. Any such behaviour should be reported to the Club Secretary giving dates, time and details of the alleged misbehaviour.

5. PLAYING TIMES and PRIORITIES:

No play is to take place before 09:00, or after 22:00.

Details of home matches, Club tournaments, Club mix-ins, Coaching sessions and other designated playing sessions are posted on the Club notice board and on the website at www.circletennisclub.net Court use shall be determined subject to the following principles.

- a) Team matches have first priority on courts
- b) Second priority is coaching sessions agreed with our coaching provider
- c) Third priority is club championship matches booked in accordance with the championship rules
- d) Fourth priority is designated Club playing sessions

After play, members must, lock the courts and ensure that all clubhouse doors and windows are closed and secure.

Club playing sessions – priority play sessions are decided / reviewed by the Club Committee and published at the Club's premises.

6. TENNIS BALLS

Balls for all social play are to be provided by the participants.

Tennis balls are provided by the Club for Team home matches, monthly Club mix-in tournaments and the annual Club Championship finals only (used match and tournament balls are made available for use by all Club members).

7. ATTIRE

Appropriate tennis kit should be worn while playing and shirts must be worn. Recognised tennis footwear (with non-marking soles) must be worn. Team players will be encouraged to wear the Club's chosen attire.

8. VISITORS

Adult members are entitled to introduce visitors to the amenities of the Club provided that their names are duly entered on the booking system prior to play, by the member concerned and that they are accompanied during play by the sponsoring member. This is to ensure that our insurance cover remains valid. The said member shall be held responsible for a playing fee. Based on information on the booking system, members will be billed for their visitors periodically. The fee will be determined by the Club Committee and posted on the Club notice boards (£2.50). Members may invite guests, depending on availability of court space.

Juniors are entitled to invite visitors, playing up to 18:00, using the above procedure.