



Blossomfield Club



Tennis Section Rules

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Constitution

The tennis section at Blossomfield Club is part of the Club and therefore is governed by the Club rules and constitution. A copy of these rules can be found on the club notice board.

Each tennis member of the Club agrees to be bound by the LTA's Rules and Disciplinary Code and to become a British Tennis Member (BTM). It is implicit within the said rules and that of the Blossomfield club that the LTA are only liable for up to a maximum claim of £1 for each BTM member that uses the club's facilities, all other substantial claims will be dealt with directly by the Club's executive officer through the Club's own insurance cover and policy specification which can be made available on request via the Club's administrative offices, see back page for address.

The tennis section is responsible for managing the tennis being played by members, and will provide a committee to oversee the same to ensure that members get as much enjoyment and value as possible.

The following rules have been agreed by the current committee. Should members wish to challenge any particular rule the procedure is laid down as follows:

All requests should be made in writing to the Chairperson. Following receipt, the Chairperson will discuss the item at the next committee meeting and forward his/her reply to the member within 6 weeks.

Committee

The tennis committee will consist of:-

Chairman	Vice Chairman	Treasurer	Secretary
Liaison Officer	Team Captains	Tennis Coach	Other co-opted members

The Tennis Committee is elected annually by vote at the Annual General Meeting of adult tennis members. Nominations for all places on the Tennis Committee will close at midnight the night before the meeting. Only in the event of there being no properly qualified proposal for any office, will nominations be made at the meeting. The Tennis Committee will have the power to co-opt members as required.

The Secretary must not give less than 14 days written notice of a general meeting.

The names and contact details of the committee members will be posted on the tennis notice board.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Section may be convened at any time by the Tennis Committee and must be convened by the Secretary on receipt of a written request from not less than 20 members and the notice convening such a meeting will contain the matters raised. The rules have been agreed by the current committee. Should members wish to challenge any particular item the procedure is laid down as follows:

- All requests should be made in writing to the Chairperson. Following receipt, the Chair person will discuss the item at the next committee meeting and forward his/her reply to the member within 6 weeks.
- The committee meets on a monthly basis.
- The Tennis Committees decision on all matters is final.
- Each committee member agrees to comply with the LTA's Rules and Disciplinary Code.

Courts

The Club has 7 courts i.e. 2 Astro turf, 2 Clay and 3 Hard. The Astro turf and Clay courts are flood lit. Court 7 is reserved for juniors only. Courts may be booked 7 days in advance. The court booking sheets can be found next to the tennis notice board or on the club's web site.

Lights

Floodlights are available for courts 1, 2, 3 and 4. Tokens can be purchased behind the bar to cover the cost of the lights.

Social tennis

During the summer season (April 1st to September 30th) Senior Mixed Social Tennis shall prevail exclusively at the following times:

Tuesday 6 pm onwards, Saturdays 10am until 12pm and Sundays 11:30am until 1:30pm.
During the winter season (October 1st – March 31st or when the clocks change) Senior Mixed Social Tennis will be played under floodlights from 7:30pm until 9:00 pm on Tuesday evenings, Saturdays 10am until 12pm.

Social Tennis Format

The aim is to ensure fair play and that equality prevails at all times and therefore members are expected to:

- > **Play 1 short set (first to 6 games no tie breaks) of mixed doubles.**
- > **Give precedence to those members who have not played (e.g. those who have just arrived) ahead of those waiting who have played a number of sets. Any remaining members spin their racquets to play irrespective of gender and standard.**
- > **All members attending social tennis are committed to participate in all games. It is not acceptable for fixed fours to take place when members are using the courts for social tennis.**
- > **Singles may be played in interim periods until there are two further members waiting to play social tennis.**

Behaviour

Adults and children should behave courteously and use acceptable language. Appropriate tennis clothing and footwear should be worn. If playing on courts 3 and 4 the courts should be swept and the lines cleared after playing (unless the surface is wet). Any litter should be placed in the bins outside the courts.

Junior members

Court 7 is reserved for juniors to play on at anytime. Juniors maybe invited by adult members to play in matches both within the Club and externally. Junior members may use the other courts at anytime provided the courts are not required by adult members and may also book courts 1- 4 on the day during the winter months.

Juniors under the age of 14 years must be supervised by an adult at all times.

Child protection

All coaches are registered and CRB checked. Details of the current Child Protection Officer can be found on the tennis notice board.

Teams

Men's and ladies teams are entered into summer and winter leagues in the county. Each team has an appointed captain who is responsible for choosing the players and collecting the respective entrance fees. The Club provides the balls for these matches. Only tennis members may represent the Club in matches.

Club Tournaments

There are early and late season tournaments for ladies, men and mixed players. An entry fee is charged. The tournament committee is responsible for running these events and setting the rules. A copy of the rules can be found on the tennis notice board.



Coaching

There are a team of coaches based at the Club. All coaches are registered or licensed with the LTA. Junior members have a set programme devised by the Head Coach. Coaching is available as part of a group or on an individual basis. Please contact **Claire Williamson on 07977432045**

Adult coaching can be arranged on a private basis with any Club Coach. Rates are persona negotiated. All coaching staff pay a fee to the Club for court usage.

Visitors

All members may introduce visitors to the Club but the same visitor may not be introduced more than six times a year, without permission of the Tennis Committee. Visitor's fees are charged for adults and juniors. Any visitors who use the Club's tennis facilities agree to abide by the LTA's Rules and Disciplinary Code. Full details can be found on the tennis notice board.

General Club Information

All members will be issued with a membership card when joining the Club. These cards should be carried by members at all times when visiting the Club. Membership is renewed annually. A letter will be sent to each member prior to their renewal date outlining fees and method of payments accepted.

Contact details for all tennis members can be found on the tennis notice board. Senior tennis members can participate in all sports and activities at the Club.

The bar is open Monday to Thursday from 7pm, Friday 5pm and weekends from 12pm.

On special occasions bar hours may be altered.

For general queries concerning your membership please contact the Club office:

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The Wardens,
Widney Lane,
Solihull, B91 3JY**

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or

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