

NEW SILKSWORTH TENNIS CLUB MEMBERSHIP RULES

(By joining the Club you agree to abide by the following rules)

1. Membership

1.1 Admission of Members

a) Membership shall be open to all the community without discrimination on the grounds of ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion, beliefs, gender, age or disability, but the Committee may limit the total membership of the Club and/or any category of membership.

b) The Committee shall be responsible for the admission of new members to the Club but all Honorary memberships shall be ratified or otherwise by members at the Annual General Meeting.

c) Proposed members must attend an introductory session or social session before ratifying membership.

d) The Committee shall not be required to give reasons for refusing any person membership of the Club.

1.2 The membership categories are:

1) Adult membership

Adult aged over 18 on 1st April

2) Junior membership

A person aged 18 or under on 1st April (any junior whose tennis skills are deemed to be of a high standard may be invited to play as a full adult member)

3) Student membership

A person aged 18 plus and in full time education

4) Country membership

Former members or family/friends of members residing outside of the geographic area, greater than 40 miles

5) Honorary Member

5.1 An individual whose services to the Club in the unanimous view of the Management Committee, has warranted such a reward for a stated period of time.

5.2 Every member and official of a visiting match team for the period of that visit

6) Temporary Member

- 6.1 A visiting member of the public who has paid a visitors fee thereby undertaking to abide by the Constitution of the Club.
 - 6.2 A playing guest who can only be introduced by Full Member - a member may only introduce one playing guest at a time - a person living within 40 miles of the courts may attend as a playing guest three times a year and no more. The number of times that a Full Member may introduce any one playing guest who lives within 40 miles of the courts is limited to three times a year.
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- 1.3 Full Year membership commences 1st April, any person joining up to 30th June will be charged at Full Year Rate. Thereafter fee will be determined at the discretion of the Committee.
 - 1.4 The Club may withdraw the membership of any member who contravenes the Constitution of the Club.
 - 1.5 A member's card is proof of membership and should be available for inspection when playing
 - 1.6 Members may bring only one guest on any one occasion. The same guest may not be invited on more than 3 occasions per year.
 - 1.8 Members under 12 years of age should be supervised by a responsible adult.
 - 1.9 Members shall abide by the Constitution of NSTC

2. Subscriptions

- 2.1 Subscriptions shall be subject to review.
- 2.2 Any member who wishes to join for a full year but is unable to provide payment in full, may be allowed to pay in instalments, subject to the discretion of the Treasurer/Secretary.

3. Use of Courts

- 3.1 Allocation of court time and team match arrangements shall be determined and reviewed by the Club and published on the Club's website, social media and notice boards.
- 3.2 Adult sessions are open to younger members by invitation only.

4. Coaching

- 4.1 Coaching is permitted but this will be subject to review by the Club if it causes distraction to other players.
- 4.2 All persons (including junior members) receiving coaching must be members and person providing coaching must be affiliated and qualified by the LTA

5. Dress, Behaviour and Court Care

- 5.1 Appropriate attire must be worn on the courts. Tops must be worn at all times
- 5.2 Unsporting behaviour, noisy behaviour and foul language will not be tolerated. Any infringement of this rule will result in the player concerned being asked to leave the court and may be subject to Club discipline.
- 5.3 All litter must be removed from the court and placed in the litter bins.
- 5.4 When you leave the courts ensure the gate is closed and locked or inform the Tennis Centre reception staff the courts require locking.
- 5.5 Never lean on, or attempt to jump the net.
- 5.6 The use of chewing gum is not permitted
- 5.7 No smoking within the courts enclosure
- 5.8 A complaint by anyone against a member will be dealt with in accordance with the CLTA/LTA guidelines. In the event of a complaint being lodged in respect of a member of the Public, that individual may be required to return the court key and leave the courts immediately, and if the offence is sufficiently serious, banned from play in the future.

6. Injury, Loss of Property etc.

Members, visitors and guests are reminded that the Club accepts no responsibility for personal injury or loss or damage to any member, visitor or guests, unattended property.

7. Animals

- 7.1 No animals are allowed on the courts, except for guide dogs.

8. Publicity

- 8.1 I agree to allow NSTC to use any images of myself in publicity material which promotes the club e.g. on the Club's Website or Social Media accounts. The Club will not divulge your name without prior authorisation.
- 8.2 I agree for the Club to contact me by email for newsletters/bulletins and notices.
- 8.3 To opt out of 8.1 and/or 8.2 then please contact the Club Secretary by email at secretary@newsilksworthtennisclub.co.uk

COURT ADMINISTRATION

Please observe the following when using the courts.

1. Court Access Times

The Courts are available for play between 7.30am and 9:30pm. This mirrors the opening times of the Tennis Centre, so first aid care is available. Please check with the Tennis Centre for current opening hours.

2. Court Bookings

All courts are available on a first come, first served basis except during regular Club sessions or team events. Please note that during occasional Club events, i.e. competitions and matches, there may be limited or no court availability. These occasions will be notified in advance (where possible) on the notice board. Everyone Active/LTA reserve the right to have sole use of the courts at certain dates/times outside of our scheduled sessions, team or competition matches, these will be notified to Club members in advance.

3. Floodlights

Use of the floodlights is included free within the membership. Activation of the floodlights is gained upon request to Everyone Active reception staff at the Tennis Centre. Floodlights are only available during the opening times of the Tennis Centre, please check with the Centre for up to date opening times.

4. Court Maintenance

Please report any damage or issues with the courts directly to the Club Secretary.

5. Noticeboards

No notice shall be posted on Club property without authorisation from the Club Secretary and/or Committee.

6. Court Playability

It is the responsibility of every member, guest or visitor to deem whether the condition of the courts is suitably safe to play on. The Club courts may be slippery when wet or icy.