

A few Tennis Club Rules and Court Etiquette

Tennis Balls

- Tennis balls are provided for official club sessions and match play only.
- Please return all tennis balls at the end of play. (If left on the court, the balls will be ruined. Tennis balls will stop being provided.)
- For ALL other casual play **PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TENNIS BALLS.**

Lights

- Lights are provided when necessary for Official Club Nights and Matches only.
- Please turn off lights as soon as play is finished.
- For all other play, lights can be paid for at the bar, **£2 per court per hour.** Please pay before you play. Please return the key to the bar while you play. This applies to ALL members.
- Lights must be turned off by 9.30pm.

Kit

- For All Social and Practice Play – coloured tennis kit can be worn.
- Please **no** football/rugby or emblazoned “pop group” tee shirts etc.
- For matches (Junior and Senior) – predominantly white shirts, white socks, and navy shorts or skirts and appropriate Tennis footwear.

Order of Play

- See notice board for allocation of courts for match play, club nights, coaching etc.
- See membership categories as to when you are allowed to play on the courts.
- Juniors may continue to play early evening if courts are free, but are expected to vacate the courts if adults are waiting.

Club Night

- Club Night is officially from 7pm, although members may arrive earlier and use available courts.
- Where required, a court (or two) may be used by a coach/committee member for an hour with new members or members wishing to improve their tennis knowledge. Although members may consider this to be one less court to use, the end result will be a benefit to all members, as all members will have a better understanding of tennis and thus a better game for everyone.
- On Club Nights sets are to 6 only. Tie breaks at 5-5.
- Where all courts are being used and people are waiting please play sudden death at deuce and this applies to all courts until such times as numbers decrease. The social captain will arrange this.
- Once a month a Club Night Tournament takes place. If you wish to enter these tournaments please enter your name on the lists provided. A charge is made for the evening to cover the meal and the prizes.
- Tennis balls and light (where required) are provided on Club Nights as long as the privileges are not abused – members are requested to bring in tennis balls and put them away and turn the lights off please. Please do not leave these jobs for someone else.

Free Play

- Members can use courts to play with other members.
- Senior and Intermediate Tennis Players may play with a guest (on no more than two occasions). Please pay for your guest before you play (either at the bar or in the envelope provided on the main notice board as you enter the clubhouse).
- Juniors are, unfortunately, only allowed to bring guests on official fun days, open days etc.
- Everyone must vacate the courts by 9.30 pm.
- You must use your own tennis balls.
- If you require lights, you must pay £2 per court per hour (only 50p per person when four are playing!)
- If people are waiting to play, then members playing should vacate the court after playing a set. If you are just knocking up/practising then please vacate the court after half an hour. Players coming off can then go on to the next available court. Everyone should have a fair chance of playing. There should not be exceptions.
- Up to two courts may be used by coaches. For larger coaching sessions etc the courts will be booked in advance.

Matches and Teams

- Anyone interested in team play should speak to the Club Captain.
- Practices begin in March (keep an eye on the notice boards).
- Anybody who is selected is expected to be dedicated, wear the appropriate kit, and be on time.
- For further information on teams, team selection and practices see main notice board.

Competitions/Coaching/Social Events & Working Parties

- Keep an eye on the notice boards to see what is happening.
- Remember the Club is run by Members – so please help where you can.

All Players (Young and Old) must consider each other

- Please do not walk behind courts while a rally is taking place. Wait for a break in play before passing behind a court.
- Tennis courts are for tennis and not for other sports (unless organised by the club).
- Please use plastic drink containers. Glass can be very dangerous and therefore is not allowed.
- Please clear up all rubbish. Do not leave tennis ball tins, plastic bottles etc.
- Please be polite at all times. Do not use bad language.
- Any bad behaviour should be reported to the committee and action will be taken where necessary.

Thank you for supporting
Hamilton Lawn Tennis Club