

Rules, Regulations and Guidelines of Tennis Section

- To use the tennis courts you must be a fully up paid member of Walthamstow Cricket, Tennis and Squash Club. If you are not recognised, you may be challenged by a club employee or member of the Tennis or Management Committee and required to give proof of membership. This rule applies to all that use the facilities of the club regardless of race, colour, sex, age or ethnic origin.
- Shouting, swearing, verbal and racket abuse on court is not acceptable and you will be asked to vacate the courts.
- Tennis or sports tops are to be worn all times. No bare chests or vests. Club members are kindly asked to wear suitable clothing i.e. no beachwear, or clothing with offensive messages.
- Wear proper tennis trainers with non-marking soles so as not to damage or mark the court.
- The courts are deemed all weather; however, at times the surface may become slippery due to weather and climatic seasonal conditions. Please, use the courts responsibly during these times.
- Do not lean on or climb over the tennis nets.
- Chewing gum is not permitted on court.
- Only, tennis equipment is allowed on court – for example no bikes, cricket balls, footballs or any other sports equipment. The only game permitted on the courts is tennis.
- Before starting to play, ensure any equipment you are not using (spare rackets, clothing, etc.) are out of the way.
- Drinking glasses must not be taken on court.
- Please take your disposable drinking bottles and any litter of court with you and deposit in the bin by the entrance to the courts.
- Courts can be reserved for play when social sessions, club coaching and club matches do not take place via the online booking system. The court booking is void if you do not turn up within 15 minutes of the start time.
- Children up to the age of 12 years old that use the courts are the responsibility of the parent, guardian or coach and should be supervised at all times whilst on the court.
- Social Tennis sessions are for club members or invited guests (up to 3 times a year)
- Social Session times are displayed on the website (see social play)
- During Social Tennis the eight game rule (ie play a maximum of eight games) and short deuces (ie one point with the receivers deciding on who should receive) is in force when a player or players are waiting to play.
- For Intermediate and Improvers social sessions there will be a charge of £1 for the balls (new balls are provided for each session) and £2 when the floodlights are required. This applies even if floodlights are switched on for a short time or you only play for part of the session.
- As we only have 3 courts players are graded and need to play in the social session relevant to their ability. **A member of each session appointed by the Committee** will determine if a person is of an adequate standard to play in the Intermediate sessions and will organise the pairings, (this may involve not playing doubles but two players playing against one) . Players deemed adequate for that session are always welcome to play in that session.
- When arranging own matches, floodlight usage must be paid for behind the bar and switched off immediately after use. The key to the floodlights is available behind the bar.
- Non-members may play on court three times in a year after which they must join the club.
- Do not walk behind a court during an active point. Pass as quickly as possible after a point has finished.
- If you have booked a court do not disturb people on your court until after their time is up.
- Often a ball from another court will end up on your court. To return a ball simply roll it safely to the back of the court and not direct to a player unless he/she requests it.
- If you have a disagreement with your opponent, offer a let. This means you replay the point.
- If a ball moves on to your court during play it is a let.
- All tennis members are bound by the rules and regulations of Walthamstow Cricket, Tennis and Squash Club.

- For complaints, grievances or any other related club matter(s) see one of the nominated Tennis or Management Committee members.
- The club insurance policy does not include personal injury cover.