

Dorchester Tennis & Squash Club

Tennis Regulations - revised 06/ 2011

PLAY TIMES

- a. The courts are open for play every day.
- b. The general Programme of Play will be displayed on the Clubs website and club notice board and a personal copy will be available to all members on request. The Programme of Play shows the periods of time allocated to members for bookings, club sessions and special sessions.
- c. The Tennis Sub-Committee may from time to time alter the general programme of play and any such alterations will be displayed on the club website and club notice board.
- d. The arrangements for inter club matches and club tournaments will take precedence over the general programme of play. These arrangements will be displayed on the club website and club notice board and will be indicated on the booking sheets in the programme of play.

BOOKINGS

Bookings for periods defined in the general programme of play will be taken up to one week in advance, on a first come first served basis. There are three methods available.

- i. via the club website using a username and password;
- ii. using the touch screen booking system in the clubhouse;
- iii. by telephoning the Club Administrator on 01305 268103 between the hours of 9-11 am Monday – Friday.

A charge is made to reserve the court, which is refunded on arrival, and fobbing the court by the person that booked it and the person they are playing with. If you are playing with a guest you should fob twice and you will be automatically charged a guest fee.

- b. A member may only book one tennis court at a time for a maximum period of 1½ hours.
- c. Courts may only be booked by the person using the court.
- d. Block bookings may only be approved by the Tennis Sub Committee.
- e. If you fail to turn up for your reserved court, and do not cancel it in advance, you will be automatically charged the reservation fee. A court unoccupied within 15 minutes of the booked time is forfeited to anyone waiting to play.
- f. Block bookings are not permitted unless specifically agreed by the Tennis Sub Committee.

SECURITY

- a. All members will be issued with an i-button (fob) and must use the upstairs entrance to the building.
- b. Entrance to the tennis courts must be via the door to the building only, using the fob, except during coaching and some events, when the gate may be open, with the prior agreement of the Tennis Sub Committee.
- c. All members are responsible for the security of the premises, all doors and windows must be secured and lights extinguished by the last member to leave the premises.

- d. No member under the age of 16 will be allowed to be present in the club premises without an adult also being present in the interest of the child's safety and also the security of the club.

PLAYING AND GENERAL CONDUCT

- a. Play will be governed by the current rules of the Lawn Tennis Association.
- b. Sessions must be ended strictly according to the booking sheet timings unless the following session is available.
- c. Only recognised tennis footwear may be worn and appropriate clothing.
- d. Floodlights are available for use by all full/junior tennis members, the cost of which is deducted from each members account via the fob when the court is booked.
- e. Any misconduct must be recorded to the Tennis Secretary who may take any disciplinary action he or she sees fit, prior to a full report and representations to the Tennis Sub Committee which will decide the matter.
- f. Any damages to the premises must be reported immediately to a committee member, or in writing through the office door.

CLUB SESSIONS, MATCHES AND COACHING

- a. Club sessions are provided for in the programme of play and are intended to give players of all abilities the opportunity of meeting other members in friendly competition. Games will normally be organised by a committee member. All eligible members, will be welcome to the club sessions. The cost of floodlights during the club session will be divided between those members attending the session.
- b. Club tournaments will be arranged each year and arrangements will be displayed on the notice board. All members are encouraged to participate regardless of ability.
- c. A programme of matches for teams in the Dorset Leagues is arranged each year and prospective team players should contact the Team Captains. The programme of matches will be displayed at the Club and take precedence over the programme of play.
- d. Only members holding LTA or LTA approved coaching qualifications will be permitted to coach on DTSC courts for monetary gain and with the permission of the Head Coach.
- e. Any member wishing to coach tennis must have been approved by the Tennis Sub Committee and Head Coach.
- f. Any adult wishing to enrol in a tennis lesson or coaching course must become a member of the club after completing two series of lessons or courses if they wish to enrol for further lessons or courses. This rule does not apply in respect of juniors.
- g. Where a member of the tennis section is being coached on an individual basis there will be no charge for the court but the appropriate light fee will be paid.
- h. Where there is group coaching this will need to be approved by the Tennis Sub Committee. There will be no charge of the court but the appropriate light fee will be shared between the participants.

GUESTS

- a. Guest must be accompanied by a member
- b. A guest fee of £2 is payable for adults and £1 for juniors (revision in September 2011 to £3 per adult and £2 per junior)
- c. A guest may play at all times but not more than 6 occasions in any year.

MEMBERSHIP LISTS

- a. An up to date membership list will be displayed on the notice board.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

- a. Annual subscriptions are due on the 1st April each year.
- b. A member who has not paid the annual subscription within one month of it being due will be deemed to have resigned. Persons may re-apply for membership but may have to pay a joining fee.
- c. Members enrolled during the year are entitled to a reduction in the subscription according to the scales decided by the General Management Committee.

REGULATIONS ADDITIONS AND VARIATIONS

The Tennis Sub Committee controls the regulations and has power to alter, vary and add to them.

- a. Members may make representations about regulations in writing to the Tennis Secretary.
- b. All new members will be issued with a copy of the Regulations and a copy will be displayed on the club notice board.