



Banbury Lawn Tennis Club

Membership Regulations

1. Membership Classes

(a) Full Members

- i. Adult
- ii. Senior Citizen (over 65)
- iii. Family (2 adults & up to 3 juniors)
- iv. Family (1 adult & up to 3 juniors)
- v. Young Adult/Student(18-23)

(b) Other Members

- i. Played-in Junior
- ii. Junior (under 18)
- iii. Junior (under 10)
- iv. Junior (2&3)
- v. Associate Member
- vi. Parent Member
- vii. Country Member
- viii. Lifetime Member

2. Membership Fee Structure

- (a) Adult Member fee set at the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) All other fees increase by similar percentage, set by the Committee.
- (c) Fees cover each season from 1st April- 31st March
- (d) Any person whose fee remains unpaid after 1st July or is one month in arrears ceases to be a member until such fee is paid in full. Membership facilities will then be withdrawn.
- (e) Fees may be pro-rated from late season at the discretion of the Committee.

3. 'Played-in Juniors'

Played-in Juniors are those reaching a playing standard as agreed by two Committee Members and payment of the additional fee. Played-in Juniors are permitted to take part in Adult club nights.

4. Match Fees

Match fees for fixtures to be determined by the Committee annually. It is the responsibility of the respective Team Captain to collect match fees and submit them to the Match Secretary, who will submit them to the Treasurer at the end of each league season.

5. Visitors Fees

- (a) Visitors fees to be revised annually by the Committee and displayed on the notice board and club website.
- (b) Members are responsible for their visitors and the payment of their fees.
- (c) Maximum allowed visits – three per season.
- (d) Potential Full Members are permitted one free session at a Club Night.

6. Court Availability

The Horton View courts will be available all day until 10pm on weekdays, Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays unless pronounced unfit by the Committee. Club matches and designated coaching sessions will take priority. This may be subject to notification of bookings by Banbury Town Council.

7. Rules for Club Play

- (a) Organised Club Nights are as designated by the Committee.
- (b) Club Night organisers are selected by the Committee. If a scheduled organiser is unable to attend, they are responsible for arranging a substitute.
- (c) When possible a foursome should be split up after one set.
- (d) A second set shall not be commenced if other members are waiting to play.
- (e) Players' dress must be regulation tennis attire.
- (f) Playing etiquette and following the unwritten rules of tennis should be as per the USTA Friend At Court – The Code (Part 2).

8. Tennis Balls

- (a) The Club will provide tennis balls for Club Nights from 1st April until 30th September inclusive.
- (b) A maximum of four balls per court. Members have responsibility that all balls are returned to the Club Night organiser at the end of each evening.

9. Match Team Captains

The Match Team Captains have sole responsibility for liaising with opponents, collection of match fees, entering match results, and the overall smooth running of the match.

10. Team Selection

Appointment of Team Captains and players is the responsibility of the Match Secretary(s) for league matches.

11. Tournaments

- (a) Responsibility for the organisation and rules of all tournaments will be that of the Committee. Current rules to be posted on tournament listings.
- (b) New Members will not be eligible to play in Club Tournaments until their Membership Fee has been paid.

12. Juniors

- (a) One court should be available for Junior use at all times.
- (b) Other playing times for Juniors to be decided by the Committee.
- (c) All Adult rules apply to Juniors.

13. Floodlit Courts

- (a) A floodlight booking system will be in operation from dusk until 10 pm.
- (b) Bookings can be made through the online booking system.
- (c) The Committee is responsible for the organisation and use of the floodlit courts which may include organised Club Nights and/or coaching.
- (d) All Members are responsible for prior cancellation of booked floodlit courts to avoid unnecessary light wastage and annoyance to nearby residents.

14. Discipline

- (a) The Management Committee shall appoint a disciplinary committee, when necessary, consisting of three Committee Members, one of whom shall be appointed chairperson.
- (b) This Disciplinary Committee shall have full authority vested in it by the Management Committee to act on its behalf without reference (subject to 14viii, below) on all matters of Membership misconduct.
- (c) The Disciplinary Committee shall only investigate formal complaints registered against its membership either from within or without the Club, received or recorded in writing under signature.

- (d) The Disciplinary Committee shall meet as and when required to consider complaints, but should endeavour to do so no later than 14 days after formal registration of the complaint.
- (e) The Disciplinary Committee as a minimum shall take evidence in person or in writing from the complainant and request a response in person or in writing from the alleged offending member. The response should be received within 7 days of notification.
- (f) The Disciplinary Committee, and only the Disciplinary Committee, (subject to 14viii) shall, on the basis of the evidence heard and if a misdemeanour is adjudged to have taken place, render appropriate sanctions against the Member. That sanction shall be recorded on the Club notice board.
- (g) The nature of the sanction applied is at the sole discretion of the Disciplinary Committee, but shall be drawn from: a reprimand; suspension from the Club, its functions and its premises for the next 'X' weeks (failure to comply with this sanction could lead to further disciplinary action); recommend total expulsion from the Club.
- (h) Following a recommendation to expel a member from the Club, only the Management Committee can ratify this.
- (i) A member has the right to appeal, through the Club Chair, to the Management Committee against sanctions imposed by the Disciplinary Committee. This appeal should be lodged with the Club Chair within a maximum of 7 days.
- (j) Sanctions will commence 7 days after receipt of notification by the offending member unless an appeal is lodged.
- (k) No alleged offending or offended member may take part in disciplinary judgements.

15. Professional Coaching

Professional coaching will be approved at the discretion of the Committee.

16. Responsibility

All Members should take responsibility to help enforce the Rules and Regulations. All Members should follow any policies that are disseminated from time to time, for example the Safeguarding Policy, the Diversity & Inclusion Policy and the Booking Terms of the online court booking system.

Notes:

1. *These Regulations are to be read in conjunction with the current Constitution & Rules.*
2. *References above to "the Committee" refer to the Club's Management Committee.*
3. *Effective Date: 24 September 2024*