

PLAYING REGULATIONS
CORRECT USE OF THE TENNIS COURTS

BOOKING OF COURTS

Courts can be booked in advance using the online booking system on ClubSpark <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/MedsteadLawnTennisClub/Booking>. Courts 1, 2 and 3 can be booked up to **one week** in advance. If an advance booking is made but the game is subsequently cancelled, please cancel the reservation in ClubSpark so that other members have an opportunity to play at that time.

The maximum length for one session is **one and a half hours**.

The keys to the courts, attached to a measure for the nets, hang on hooks in the Clubhouse. Please return them after playing and lock the courts and Clubhouse up if you are the last to leave, even if you did not open them.

Please **gently** slacken and tie up the nets on leaving the courts.

The club house has two separate toilets, but does not have any changing rooms.

Please ensure that **all lights are switched off** if you are the last to leave the Clubhouse.

Please ensure that the front combination door is **firmly closed** if you are the last to leave the Club. You should check this door even if you leave by the court side door.

VISITORS

The visitors' book is on the table in the Clubhouse. Please complete this with the name of your visitor(s) and the appropriate fee. The rules regarding visitors are on the front of the visitors' book.

A visitor may play three times after which they must become a member to continue playing at the Club.

Fees: Senior Visitor £4.00 per session, or if more than two visitors are playing there will be a maximum charge of £10.00 per court for the 1 ½ hour session. Student/Intermediate/Junior £2.50 per session.

CHILDREN

Parents are responsible for their children at all times when on Club premises and are expected to ensure that their children do not distract playing members. Children must not be allowed to run around the courts, the grounds or play in the car park.

Children under 13 must be supervised by parent/carer whilst at the Tennis Club, except when they are attending sessions supervised by the Coach.

If an "under 18 year old" is selected for an away match, then they must be transported by their parents (or drive themselves).

HEALTH, SAFETY AND FIRE

Members or parents/carers of junior members should take personal responsibility for their health and safety on the courts. This includes assessing whether the courts are suitable for play especially in adverse weather conditions. Members should ensure they are fit to play in accordance with the advice of their Healthcare Professional.

Should an accident or medical incident occur on the club premises it is important that the Accident Book is completed fully after any emergency or first aid treatment is administered. The Accident Book is kept inside the First Aid Box and the reports are kept in accordance with General Data Protection Regulations by the committee for a period of 7 years.

Members should familiarise themselves with the location of fire extinguishers, fire alarm call points and emergency escape routes located with appropriate signage at strategic points throughout the clubhouse. If you discover a fire or hear the fire alarm:

- Raise the alarm by breaking the glass of the nearest fire alarm call point,
- Evacuate the building to a safe place in the car park away from the entrance,
- Call 999 and ask for the fire brigade.
- Only attempt to tackle the fire using the available fire extinguishers if you are competent in their use and operation and you are not going to further endanger your safety or that of others.
- Do not return to the building until authorised to do so.

Please inform the committee when an accident report is completed or the fire alarm is activated by emailing

medsteadtennis@gmail.com

DOGS

All dogs brought onto Club premises are the responsibility of their owners and must remain under the direct control of their owners at all times. Dogs should not be allowed to distract playing members or roam around the premises whilst their owners are on court. Any fouling must be cleared away by the dog owners and removed from Club premises.

COURT ATTIRE

Shoes. Only shoes suitable for tennis should be worn on the courts. Trainers with black soles or deeply ridged soles must not be worn as they will mark and/or damage the court surfaces.

Clothes. Members should wear appropriate clothing suitable for tennis. Shirts or tee shirts must be worn at all times. Coloured tracksuits are allowed but jeans, jeans shorts, football shorts and socks are not considered to be appropriate tennis clothing.

COURT ETIQUETTE

Courtesy on Court

Please consider other players when walking on and off the courts. Players find it distracting whilst playing on Courts 1 and 2 when members walk past the courts on the footpath at the Bowls Club side without waiting for a convenient break in play. Members using the footpath should stand still until there is a break in play or the serving player indicates they may pass.

If your balls stray onto the other court please ask for them to be returned at a convenient moment in the other player's game.

Members using the practice wall need to be aware of their behaviour. The use of the practice wall may cause distraction to players participating in matches.

Appropriate conduct on court is expected. Loud or inappropriate language should not be used.

The chewing of gum is discouraged. Any player found disposing of gum on the courts or premises will be asked to leave the Club. Chewing gum is virtually impossible to remove from the court or tarmacadam surface.

Court Equipment

Please do not bounce/lean against the surrounding court netting.

Please do not lean heavily against the nets.

COURT FLOOD LIGHTS.

Courts 1 and 2 are operated from the Clubhouse. Court 3 lights are operated from a box beside the court using the extra key on the court 3 stick.

Please use the lights only when required. The flood lights are expensive to run, please conserve electricity and **turn them off as soon as they are not required.**

All the lights automatically go off at 2200hrs.

PROVISION OF TENNIS BALLS

The Club will provide tennis balls for club organised events.

Surplus, used, club balls are also usually available in the tub in the corner of the club house. These can be used, by all club members, for social play. Please return the balls to the tub so that they can either be played with again or recycled.

At all other times Members are required to provide their own tennis balls.

Members are requested to look after the tennis balls and collect them off the courts and surrounding areas after play. Tennis balls are a large expenditure for the Club.

Please could members refrain from hitting poor quality balls into the farmer's field or areas surrounding the courts.

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