

WORCESTER GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB TENNIS SECTION RULES

In addition to the Rules and Regulations of Worcester Golf and Country Club, the following Rules apply to the Tennis Section.

COMMITTEE, MEMBERSHIP & GENERAL MEETINGS

1. The Tennis Committee will consist of a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary and Club Captain as permanent members, with the Club Coach and other volunteers invited to attend meetings when appropriate. The Chairperson and one other permanent member will constitute a quorum.

2. The Committee will be elected by full tennis members at an Annual General Meeting. The Chairperson will be elected for a term of 3 years and the other permanent members for a term of 2 years.

3. The Committee will meet as and when required, normally every 2 months.

4. The Committee will be empowered to co-opt a member to fill any vacancy which arises from a committee member resigning from office and/or membership of the section. Such a co-opted member will have full voting powers in Committee.

5. The Committee will be empowered to make such by laws and regulations as are felt desirable from time to time governing the use of courts, visitors and match fees, floodlight token fees, admission fees for special events, and any other matters on which it is felt necessary. Such by laws will be notified to members at the time of introduction by means of special notice boards and will be brought to the attention of the following Annual General Meeting.

19. It is the duty of all members to ensure that court conditions are suitably safe for play to take place. To help decide, members should bear in mind the following guidelines:

- Damp and wet conditions leave the white lines slippery
- Leaves on the court can be slippery
- Damp grass will be slippery so obey court side instructions
- Icy conditions will exist where there is shade
- Visibility must be good enough to play

If the storm klaxon is sounded, all members playing tennis must end their game immediately and leave the courts to find safety in the clubhouse, or leave the premises.

20. Visitors may be introduced at the Club up to four times in each calendar year, upon payment of the visitor's fee. To make payments, use the envelopes provided in the hall of the main clubhouse or tennis pavilion and post them in the box provided. Envelopes must bear the member's and visitor's names, date and be marked 'TENNIS VISITOR FEE'.

21. All players are required to behave courteously and without excessive noise on court, and on Club premises, at all times.

22. Members agree to be bound by and subject to the rules and disciplinary code of the Lawn Tennis Association (as in force from time to time).

23. Persistent abuse of any of these rules will result in withdrawal of membership, temporarily or permanently, at the discretion of the Committee in consultation with the Captains' Committee of the Club.

6. There will be a limit to the number of full members of the Section, determined by the Committee in consultation with the Captains' Committee of the Club, and further applications for membership will be placed on a waiting list and admitted when a vacancy arises.

7. Officers of the Committee will be responsible for formally recommending approval, or otherwise, of membership applications and will interview applicants and appraise them of Club Rules and general behaviour requirements before doing so.

8. General Meetings may be called at any time by the Committee, or on requisition signed by not less than 10 full members of the Section (18 years' of age or over), with at least 14 days notice of the purpose and days of that General Meeting being given to all full members.

9. 10 full members of the section (18 years of age or over) will constitute a quorum at an Annual General Meeting. Elections and voting at Annual General Meetings and General Meetings will be by show of hands unless the Meeting decides otherwise.

10. The Rules of the Section will be amended only at an Annual General Meeting of the section or at a General Meeting of the Section called for that purpose.

BYE LAWS

11. All players must play in recognised tennis wear and tennis shoes, and conform to the Club dress rules. Any member or visitor seen on court in violation of this rule will be asked to change or leave the courts.

12. Litter of any kind, including ball-cans, can tops and old tennis balls, must not be deposited on or around the courts or Club facilities, except in the bins provided.

13. Tennis balls are provided by the Club for matches and thereafter are made available for general play. Unplayable balls should be returned to a Committee member.

14. In addition to the priorities of court-use for matches and coaching, the following rights of play exist (subject to amendment under rule 5): Monday evenings - Ladies. Sunday mornings - Men. Tuesday evenings, Thursday afternoons, evenings and Saturday afternoons - Club sessions. Friday evenings - Juniors.

15. During Club sessions, play may be limited when other members are waiting to join in.

16. Play under floodlights is open to all members of the Section, but play must cease by 10.45pm at the latest. Tokens can be obtained and paid for at the front bar in the main clubhouse.

During any period when the token-fed meters are out of action and when lights are provided using the override key, payment for use of the lights should be made using the envelopes provided (as for visitors fees) located in the hall of the main clubhouse or coaches' pavilion. Payment must be made at the rate in force at the time. Envelopes must bear the player's full name, date, total time played (rounded up to the nearest half hour) and be marked 'FLOODLIGHT FEE', and envelopes posted in the main clubhouse in the box provided.

17. The tennis pavilion may be used by any member of the Section and must be locked after use, each day. Any tables, chairs, stools etc. removed from the pavilion must be returned after use.

Members' keys for the pavilion are obtainable from the Secretary's office during normal working hours (Mon - Fri).

18. All members and visitors are required to observe courtesies when entering or leaving the Club premises and grounds, particularly when golfers are playing near the main drive (e.g. off the tees immediately inside the Gate and on the 1st green along the driveway). They must STOP and wait to be waved through.

REMINDERS

A. Membership (June - May) is continuous unless, or until, written resignation is received by the Secretary of WG&CC. Therefore, members are liable for all outstanding subscriptions etc. that may be due until resignation is received. Failure to pay monies owing to the Club on demand may disqualify them from future membership.

B. Anyone playing late in the evening should note:

The main clubhouse will be locked half-an-hour after the bar closes, and the men's locker room will be locked at night at the bar closing times.

NOTE

For details of the bar opening hours see the caterers' notice board in the hall of the main clubhouse.

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When play is in progress on the court members must not walk past the back of the court, but must wait until the rally has finished.

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