



Blaydon Tennis Club Rules

General Aims

- to promote the game of tennis to all, irrespective of gender, ethnicity, religion, age, or ability.
- to give fair and reasonable access to the club to as many people as possible.
- to treat everyone who comes into the club with respect and courtesy.
- to operate a zero-tolerance policy to bullying.
- to create a club ethos which is fun, sociable, supportive and sporting.
- to re-invest all monies collected into securing the future development of the club.

General Access

The courts are available to book from early morning to late evening (with some restrictions on usage at certain times, depending on membership category).

Sessions should now be booked via the club's website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/blaydontennisclub>.

Membership Fees are due on April 1st each year.

Members have access to the clubhouse and its facilities on the understanding that, should they open the premises, they must also lock up (or, by mutual agreement, arrange for another adult member to do so).

Junior Access

The club requires parents/guardians of Juniors up to the age of 18 to acquaint themselves with both the rules of the club and also the specific guidance on court etiquette before attendance. Copies can be found on the club website or sent on request from blaydontc@gmail.com

Junior members and 'pay and play' users aged 16 and over can come to the club unsupervised. Our venue is located in a remote area and the clubhouse is unstaffed. Therefore, juniors under 14 must be supervised by a responsible adult. Juniors aged 14-16, it is at the discretion of the parent/guardian as to whether they should be supervised or not.

Juniors representing an adult club team may attend an adult social session, but must first seek the approval of a coach, a team captain, or the match secretary.

Changing Rooms

Please refer to our Changing Room Policy (website/by request) for BTC's policy regarding changing rooms. There are two changing rooms: one Female and one Male. At times, these changing facilities will be required by both Adult and Junior members simultaneously.

As there is no supervision, the club requires parents/guardians of Juniors to offer them such advice and guidance as they deem appropriate.

The use of mobile phones, or any devices with recording capabilities, is not permitted in the changing rooms.



Courts

At times of high demand, it is necessary to prioritise use. On these occasions, there are separate rules for the astroturf and tarmac courts:

Usage of Astroturf Courts: Order of Priority

1. Maintenance.
2. Authorized Club and promotional events.
3. Adult League Matches.
4. Club Social Sessions.*
5. Authorized Junior Matches.
6. Any member - casual doubles or singles or 1-1 Member Coaching. *
7. Pay and Play for non-members. *

Usage of Tarmac Courts: Order of Priority

1. Maintenance.
2. Authorized Club and promotional events.
3. Junior Matches.
4. Coaching and Development activities.*
5. Adult League Matches.
6. Any member - casual doubles or singles. *
7. Pay and Play for non-members.*

- *'The managing committee has the discretion to levy a floodlight fee to any categories of activity.'*

Social Sessions

The club organises social sessions throughout the week, as identified on the club website.

The aim is to offer all adult members at least one session a week at an appropriate level, with opportunities to play mixed, men's and women's tennis within this.

Booking for all sessions is now online at our website here:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/blaydontennisclub/Booking/SocialSessions>

Any full adult, retired, or student member can come down to try a session free of charge. Most social sessions are organized through whatsapp groups. Email BTC or talk to the session organizer if you wish to be added.

Otherwise, play is currently self-regulated on arrival (members arriving to play "on spec" will need to know the session access code for the gate).

Prospective team players may request match practice with each other.

Behaviour on Court

Please refer to our Etiquette Guide for best practice at the club (website/by request)

Care of Club Facilities

The club employs a maintenance person and a cleaning contractor to help keep the club facilities in good order. However, we need all members and visitors to help by:

- Leaving padlocks attached, and locked, to the fence/gate/shutters after opening up. This should enable us to avoid loss. *(Please do **not** put keys or padlocks in a bag or pocket: you risk leaving the premises with them still on you)*
- Keeping bags, clothing, equipment etc. in the changing rooms to avoid congestion in the lobby areas.
- Removing any uneaten food from the premises after sessions, especially after matches. *(Hygiene regulations apply).*

- Returning equipment to storage areas after use.
- Not leaving empty tennis ball tubes/lids on court.
- Clearing up, washing up and putting away any crockery or utensils used.
- Switching off the TV, floodlights and clubhouse lights when not in use. *(Please save on lighting costs wherever possible).*
- Closing the clubhouse outer door during winter months to prevent heat loss. *(Please save on heating costs wherever possible).*
- Behaving responsibly to avoid damage to club property. *(Criminal damage will be reported to the police).*
- Report all maintenance issues as soon as possible using the key maintenance contacts notice next to the clubhouse alarm
- Following correct procedures for locking up. *(See the notice displayed by the telephone in the clubhouse).*

Inevitably, regrettably, and with the best will in the world, at some point there may be an issue regarding the application of these rules.

Anyone wishing to report a breach can do so through our Complaints and Feedback Policy viewable on our website or by request.

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