

Swanland Lawn Tennis Club

Information for Club Members

1. Court usage

Court One is wearing out at a much faster rate than the two adjoining courts. In order that we can make all the courts last as long as possible, **please DO NOT use this court** unless all the other courts are in use.

- a) Please will members wear recognised tennis clothing and soft-soled tennis shoes. Ordinary training shoes cause damage to the artificial grass. Committee members will ask players wearing training shoes to leave the courts, and provide appropriate footwear for future occasions.

As usual it is very important that shoe tags, as provided to all members (seniors and juniors), are worn at all times. Please help the Club to provide facilities only to paid up members and bona fide guests.

- b) Members are encouraged to bring visitors to the Club but please note that one person may only play three times as a visitor.

The fee is £3 per visit and should be paid to a committee member/coach and entered in the visitors' book. If they are not available, we rely on the members to make a note in the book for collection at a later date.

It is normal that only seniors should take visitors. In certain circumstances students and junior members may take a visitor but a committee member must be consulted first.

If you wish to bring out of town or overseas visitors, please ask a committee member for details.

Clearly if you are bringing visitors to the Club, the member is responsible for their behaviour both on and off court, and if the Club is busy, members with guests are asked to vacate courts after a maximum of 30 minutes play or one set.

Please note that friends and spectators must not go onto the playing area.

c) Court priority

Seniors have priority on the courts all day Sundays (except when there is coaching). Details of squad training sessions will be on the Club notice board. Seniors also have priority after 6.00pm each evening **except Fridays**, which is junior Club night. We would ask that seniors vacate courts at 5.30pm on a Friday.

On all other days until 6.00pm juniors, students and seniors follow the same rules - i.e. if the courts are full and people are waiting to play, doubles not singles should be played. If all courts appear to be in use, please check immediate availability with the coach. Flexibility is essential whenever possible.

After one set (or approximately half an hour) you should vacate the court and let other players have court usage.

d) Students

At 16 juniors become student members and are able to play on Club nights and at American Tournaments.

Students who do not wish to join senior Club nights are welcome to join the last junior session on Fridays between 7.30pm and 8.30pm.



e) **Care of artificial grass courts**

Please -

No chewing gum

Wipe feet on mat provided before entering

Slacken net on leaving

Drinks only on court when in a sealed/plastic container (not cans or glass bottles)

If you feel energetic please feel free to drag the courts with the carpet provided.

2. Coaching

Teo Arkut continues to take the Friday night junior sessions which will commence on the first Friday in May at 5.30pm finishing 8.30pm. **See detailed Coaching information on clubhouse noticeboard.**

Will members please note that courts will usually be in use for coaching sessions on evenings and weekends as detailed below. However because of pressure on courts, we ask all parties to be flexible.

Mondays and Thursdays	one court
Tuesdays and Wednesdays	two courts
Fridays	up to five courts
Saturdays	three courts from 10am to 12 noon, otherwise one court
Sundays	one court 10am to 12 noon – two courts in the afternoon

3. Matches

- a) League matches are often played on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, Saturday afternoons and occasionally on Sundays between 12.00 noon and 2.00pm. However there should always be at least two courts available for general play.

We have entered teams in the mens, ladies, mixed and junior divisions and new members are actively encouraged.

Contact Trevor Seanor or Teo Arkut or a team captain as detailed if members are keen to play and are not already on the captain's list.

D. P. Horsley Memorial Award

Many of you will have seen the awards board in the Clubhouse and perhaps are unaware as to how this scheme works. Broadly it is to recognise a maximum of two junior players' contribution to the Club as a whole, i.e. :

1. Services to the Club - membership of Club teams, assistance with functions, encouragement of other junior players.
2. Demeanour - Court behaviour and observance of appropriate etiquette at all times and at all playing venues so as to reflect credit on the Club.
3. Playing standard - Tournament results, membership of County and regional squads, acceptance for national invitational events etc.
4. Enthusiasm, diligence and enjoyment - recognition of these qualities in young players pursuing the game of tennis. This is a very important aspect in assessing the merits of players of modest standard and would allow the awards committee to consider those disadvantaged by for example, a physical handicap.

This award, we believe, is unique in the area and if members are aware of any juniors who are likely to be possible candidates then can they speak with a member of the committee.

