

## **SODBURY TENNIS CLUB RULES**

### **Membership.**

1. Once the membership secretary has received a completed membership application form and appropriate fee, a shoe tag, which is proof of membership and is not transferable, will be forwarded. The gate code is for use by members only, and should not be disclosed to anyone else.
2. Players cannot play in league matches unless their membership subscription has been paid. Players cannot be selected if their fees are outstanding.
3. The code for the security lock on the gate will be changed on or about 1<sup>st</sup> May each year and will be advised to all members that have renewed their membership.

### **Match Fees and Captains' Responsibilities.**

4. Match fees for games against external clubs for adults are £2.50, and juniors £1.50 irrespective of whether the junior is playing in an adult or junior team.
5. For home matches, a team member will be nominated to act as Captain and will need to organise refreshments (tea, coffee, squash, biscuits) for both the home and away teams, collect the match fees, and complete and post a match results card. The person providing refreshments will then not be required to pay a match fee.
6. For away matches, the nominated Captain is required to collect all match fees and check and countersign the match result card.
7. Match fees should be forwarded to the treasurer.

### **Visitors Fees.**

8. A member may bring up to three visitors to the club at a time. Before taking to the court, the visitors' book, which is located on the windowsill on the veranda, should be fully completed, and the appropriate fee placed in an envelope in the post box on the clubhouse gate. (A pen and envelopes are provided with the visitors' book.) The fee for adults is £3 per person per session, and for juniors, £1 per session, up to a maximum of five visits per year. After this, a visitor must join the club as a member to continue playing. Any visitors fees paid in the month of joining will be deducted from the membership fee. Only potential members may play as visitors on club nights, and during the winter, visitors must also pay the £2 floodlight fee.

## **Club Nights**

9. On Club Nights during the winter, the floodlight fee of £2 should be put on the table and your name entered into the book as having paid. Any monies not put into the meter at the end of the night should be collected by, or given to a committee member. During British Summer Time, when needed, the floodlight fee will be £1 per member, but may be increased at the discretion of a committee member if there are insufficient funds to cover the use of the lights.
10. On Monday evenings during the Winter League season, the team captains have the authority to organise players for the purpose of match practice, if required.

## **Use of the Courts**

11. Organised League, inter-club friendly matches, and club coaching sessions, have court precedence, except on Wednesday evening club sessions. This includes junior matches and coaching.
12. All courts are bookable through the current booking system.
13. The courts are expensive to maintain and it is important that they be treated with respect. Proper tennis shoes must be worn when using the courts. They must be non-marking, and provide proper foot support and grip.
14. Please remember court etiquette. Do not walk behind players whilst a game or rally is in progress. This is to avoid distracting other players and most importantly to avoid any potential accidents on court. If you are trying to cross a court please wait until invited to do so and it is safe. This applies equally to both adults and juniors. There is now access to court four via the mini tennis court.
15. Members and their visitors should be mindful of their language when using the courts.
16. Shoe tags must be worn at all times when using the courts. This makes members easily identifiable.
17. Please ensure that you clean up after you and take your rubbish home.
- 18) Please be a responsible club member, look after and respect our club.

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## **Rules for Juniors**

1. Courts are available up to 6.30pm for junior play. Please play only 1 short set if there are a large number of players waiting to get on court.
2. Shoe tags must be worn at all times so that members can be easily identified. They are not transferable.
3. On Saturdays (afternoons only during Junior coaching period) and Sundays, adults have preference on the courts but juniors may use spare courts that are available.
4. Organised League, inter-club friendly matches, and club coaching sessions, have court precedence, except on Wednesday evening club sessions. This includes junior matches and coaching.
5. Parents whose membership is 'parent with junior' are subject to the same playing conditions as Junior members and the Junior member must be present when they are playing.
6. Looking after the courts: please ensure that the correct footwear is worn at all times, in particular, non-marking soles. Appropriate clothing should also be worn, i.e. no jeans etc.
7. Pedal cycles, skateboards, and roller boots/skates must not be used on the courts, as this will damage the surface.
8. Ensure that you clear up after you and take your rubbish home.
9. A junior member may bring up to three visitors to the club at a time. Before taking to the court, the visitors' book, which is located on the windowsill on the veranda, should be fully completed, and the appropriate fee placed in an envelope in the post box on the clubhouse gate. (A pen and envelopes are provided with the visitors' book.) The fee for adults is £3 per session, and for juniors £1 per session, up to a maximum of five visits per year. After this, a visitor must join the club as a member to continue playing. Any visitors fees paid in the month of joining will be deducted from the membership fee.
10. Invited Juniors: When the Performance Coach, men/ladies captain and the Coaching Coordinator are in agreement that a junior members' standard of tennis and maturity have reached the level required to justify promotion to 'Invited Junior.' A list of invited juniors will be displayed in the clubhouse. The privileges are that an invited junior can attend adult club nights on Mondays and Wednesdays, attend match practice and be available for selection for the adult league matches and attend the adult social tennis events.
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