

Brookfield Tennis Club Regulations

1. Clothing

Only clean, recognised Tennis attire, including shoes, shall be worn on court

Tennis, like every sport, has developed an accepted type of clothing and footwear which fulfils a number of purposes such as protection, comfort, relevance to weather conditions and safety. It is for these reasons that we insist on members and visitors wearing safe, recognised tennis attire suited to the weather conditions at the time. Members representing the Club in League matches and tournaments should make a special effort to present themselves, and the Club, in the best light.

2. Visitors

The Member is responsible for signing his/her Visitor into the Club and paying the appropriate fee before they commence playing.

Visitors should be signed into the Visitors Book provided in the entrance hall and the fee lodged in the internal post box before playing. This is important both for purposes of Insurance and for identifying people on the premises. Visitors are subject to the Regulations of the Club in the same way as a Member. An individual may only be introduced as a Visitor up to 5 times per annum. Junior Members may only introduce visitors at specific times as approved and notified by the Junior Committee.

3. Court Allocation

Courts 1-5 will generally be allocated to Junior Members and Court 6 to Senior Members from 9 am to 5.30 p.m. from Monday to Friday. Courts 1-5 will generally be allocated to Senior Members and Court 6 to Junior Members after 5.30 p.m. from Monday to Friday and all day Saturday & Sunday. Dublin League matches, Club Tournament matches, Club coaching and authorised Senior Challenge matches will all have precedence over this regulation. Members playing recreational Tennis should not play on a court immediately adjacent to any Dublin League match. Court 6 is the only court where there should be more than 6 balls on court except for Club Coaching.

4. Playing time on Court

Members are allowed play Doubles for 90 minutes and Singles for 60 minutes without having to come off court for other players. Doubles pairings take precedence over Singles pairings on the waiting list. Members should not play when the courts are frozen. Floodlights must be used when the public lighting on Palmerston Villas is on. Floodlights must be turned off by 11 p.m.

5. Code of Conduct

All Members and Visitors must adhere to the Code of Conduct, covering behaviour on and off court, and show respect for other Members, Visitors, Employees and Club property.

This Code is intended to regulate behaviour in the interests of all players and the Club. Members should at all times obey any reasonable request by a member of the Committee or an employee of the Club.

On Court

Do not walk on to an adjoining court during play on that court. Enter and exit your court by the gate nearest your court. Do not climb or jump over the tennis nets. No shouting or audible obscenities, all noise should be kept to a minimum. No smoking, chewing of gum or carbonated drinks. Only plastic bottles and plastic glasses are allowed on court. Do not hit the ball violently or carelessly into the fencing or another court.

Within the Club premises

Respect the property of the Club and others at all times. No roller blading. No cycling. No football or other physical contact games. No littering

No dogs, except in the Car Park on a lead, or other animals

The Bar and Lounge

The Lounge is open both during the day and evening when either a Supervisor, Employee or Committee member is available to ensure the security of the building. All members should treat the Lounge area with care and it is not to be used as an entrance to the rest of the pavilion. The Bar is open every Tuesday and Friday and its use is governed by the Registration of Clubs Acts. All visitors should be signed into the book provided. Members should not bring racquets, bags, tennis balls or clothing into the Bar. These should be left in the Hallway where they are covered by CCTV. The Bar is staffed on a voluntary basis and members are asked to remember this both in their use of the bar and with regard to closing time. Members should keep noise to a minimum when leaving the Club at night so as not to inconvenience our neighbours.

Fair Play

Fair Play is much more than playing within the Rules. It incorporates the concepts of friendship, respect for others and always playing in the right spirit. Fair Play is defined as a way of thinking, not just behaving. It incorporates issues concerned with the elimination of cheating, gamesmanship, doping, violence (both verbal and physical), exploitation, unequal opportunities, excessive commercialisation and corruption.

(European Sports Charter and Code of Ethics, Council of Europe 1993)

Discipline

Any Member reported to the Disciplinary Committee for any contravention of the Code will be liable to sanction under Rule 18 of the Rules of the Club. Offences that will be viewed as major infringements of this Code both on and off Court are: Audible Obscenity. Visible Obscenity. Verbal Abuse. Physical Abuse. Abuse of Equipment. Unsportsmanlike Conduct.

These Regulations were approved by the Committee on 6th March 2008