

Arnside Tennis Club

GUIDELINES FOR COURT USE AND BEHAVIOUR

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HISTORY PAGE

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1	First issue of procedure	January 2012
2	Title changed to "Guidelines for Court Use and Behaviour" Updated into format for policy documents. Modified to act as subsidiary document to Constitution	February 2021
3	Days for Club social morning sessions modified to Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday	June 2021

INTRODUCTION

The Constitution describes the aims and rules of the tennis club. It is a statement of how the club intends to run itself and is important because :

- It will serve as a reference, and help to resolve problems in times of controversy
- It clarifies how club procedures should work and helps to sort out internal problems and disagreements within the club

The guidelines in this document are intended to define :

- The Club dress code and expected behaviour on court..
- The times allocated for social tennis when Club members are expected to play a single set in mixed fours and social interaction is the norm.
- The times when arranged singles or doubles matches take priority
- Availability of the courts for junior play

1. DRESS CODE

Members shall be encouraged to wear recognised tennis shoes and appropriate tennis clothing.

2. CONDUCT ON THE COURTS

- 2.1 When play is in progress on the near court, players wishing to play on the far court must request permission to cross this court.
- 2.2 No drinks other than water are to be taken on the courts. Chewing gum is banned.
- 2.3 Spectators should remain on the upper terrace.

3. LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION (LTA) RULES & DISCIPLINARY CODE

- 3.1 Each member of the Club agrees to be bound by the rules of the Club.
- 3.2 Each member of the Club agrees to be bound by the LTA's Rules and Disciplinary Code.
- 3.3 Unlicensed and unregistered coaches and, as far as is reasonably practicable, players who use the facilities of the Club should sign up to the LTA's Rules and Disciplinary Code.

4. CLUB AND SOCIAL TENNIS

- 4.1 The club periods are :
 - (i) weekday mornings 9.30am – 12.00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday,
 - (ii) Wednesday evening after 6pm and
 - (iii) Sunday afternoons from 3pm to 5pm.

In the winter, floodlit tennis is on Wednesday evenings from 6pm.

- 4.2 All Senior Members may attend club periods. Selected Junior Members may also attend, subject to approval by the Management Committee.
- 4.3 During club periods when eight or more players are present, the "bag and counter" system shall be used to determine playing partnerships.
- 4.4 Balls are available in a rack inside the clubhouse. These should be returned after use.
- 4.5 The courts are not available for play when they have been allocated to league tennis matches and club organised coaching. Changes in match times can occur due to cancelled or reorganised fixtures. If this happens, notices will be placed on the notice boards and the clubhouse window.
- 4.6 Courts can be booked using the club booking system for specific periods at any time outside the defined club hours and pre-allocated periods e.g. league matches, club organised coaching.
- 4.7 During club sessions, "fours" shall be made up in order of arrival. If players are waiting, sets shall end when one pair has won a short set. Subsequent "fours" should be arranged by the waiting players using the "bag and counter" system (see Section 4.3).
- 4.8 During club sessions, singles play shall not be allowed if there are sufficient players waiting to play doubles games on both courts.

- 4.7 Social tennis can be played at any time, provided that there is not a match or the time has been designated for pre-booked play.

5. JUNIOR MEMBERS

- 5.1 Juniors must not enter the clubhouse unless accompanied by an adult.
5.2 Juniors must have evidence of membership with them when playing on the courts. They may be requested to verify their membership status by a senior member.
5.3 Club-recognised Junior coaching and match times are shown on the notice board and on the clubhouse window. Senior members cannot play during these designated times.
5.4 The Club policy regarding safeguarding vulnerable members such as juniors is stated in the Safeguarding Policy.

6. GENERAL

- 6.1 The Management Committee shall decide any matters not covered by these Rules. Their decision will be binding and final.
6.2 These Rules may be added to, repealed or amended by a resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting or an Extra-ordinary General Meeting.

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