

# Brentham Lawn Tennis Club Rules



## 1. Membership

- 1.1 Membership of the Brentham Club Tennis Section is required before court access is allowed.
- 1.2 Members must pay the new season's subscription and all other fees in full by 30 April each year.
- 1.3 Membership will lapse unless all fees have been paid by the due date

## 2. Court Booking Rules

- 2.1 Each member has the right to book in advance up to 1.5 hrs and can invite any other members to play, singles or doubles.
- 2.2 No pair (if singles) or group of players (if doubles) can play for more than 2 consecutive hrs with the same members.
- 2.3 You can book an extra hour on the day of play, if courts are available.
- 2.4 Courts can be booked from 4 days in advance (see additional booking rules within MyCourts), except Court 12 which can only be booked on the day, unless you are a coach.
- 2.5 You must cancel your booking if you will not be playing, whatever the reason, as someone else may want the slot. Note the 'Cancelled courts alert' option on the booking sheet. The committee will aim to do the same with any block bookings.
- 2.6 All player names must be added to the booking system. There should be no single names, with the exception of use of the hitting wall and coaching sessions. Parent members playing with young junior members who wish to keep their details confidential should choose the option 'Junior member under 8 yrs'. Members can also use a court for service practice but are asked not to do so in busy periods. Where a guest is playing, we will assume the member can contact this person if needed re Track and Trace.

## 3. Play

3.1 Play during Club Times:

- As the aim is to play with a mix of members, pre-arranged social games are not allowed. For matches, see below.
- Doubles games take precedence over singles games.
- Knocking-up time is limited to 5 minutes.
- Book attendance via MyCourts

Please note that Club Times are:

Thursdays	6.00pm to 9.00pm
Sundays	10.00am to 12.00pm

Club and social times may be varied by the committee as circumstances require or as might seem advantageous.

3.2 All informal matches must cease on those courts booked for Club Time on Thursdays and Sundays.

3.3 In addition to Club Time, there are two Social Sessions on Wednesdays 10 - 12 am and Friday 10 - 12 am, when members may play on a similar basis to Club Time on two courts reserved for the purpose. The Friday morning Social Session is also open to non-members. Note that Social Sessions differ from Club Time insofar as others playing in this period do not need to join in with this group, ie, privately arranged matches are still allowed on the other courts.

## 4. Juniors

4.1 Junior members who are beginners, whether playing with other juniors or adults, are asked preferentially to book Court 12 or, if not available, court 7 or 11. They are however allowed on other courts.

4.2 Juniors under the age of 13 years should be supervised by a parent/carer when at the club, outside of any coaching session or camp. This is aligned with LTA guidance.



## 5. Competition Matches - External Matches

5.1 Anyone who represents Brentham Lawn Tennis Club in any team must be a current member of the Tennis Section and must have a British Tennis membership number.

5.2 External Club matches will have priority over internal tournaments.

## 6. Court Availability

6.1 The Club Coaches can book courts 7 and 12 for coaching up to 14 days in advance. However, if 3 courts are already booked for coaching then the coaches can book further courts only within 4 days, ie, on the same basis as other members.

6.2 The practice hitting wall on Court 12 may not be used after 8pm.

## 7. Grass Courts

7.1 The Head Groundsman or a Tennis Committee Member will determine when the grass courts are playable (please refer to notices placed by the entrance to the grass courts or on the courts).

7.2 Play must cease when the Head Groundsman or a Tennis Committee Member considers the courts unfit for play or when the courts require maintenance.

7.3 Any member of the Tennis Committee can determine whether any grass court needs to be taken out of play and, when appropriate, they will also determine the order in which the grass courts will be used.

7.4 Junior members can book and play on the grass courts.

7.5 Service practice and prolonged hitting on the grass courts is not allowed (other than a 10 minute knocking-up period prior to playing a short set).

7.6 Use of the ball machine on the grass courts is not allowed.

7.7 Junior tournaments will not be played on the grass courts.

7.8 Coaching cannot be carried out on the grass courts, with the exception of juniors on Court 6.

## 8. Court Etiquette

8.1 Good manners are expected at all times. Please refer to the separate sheet regarding court etiquette.

## 9. Clothing and Footwear

9.1 For your safety and to avoid damage to the playing surface, appropriate tennis footwear for the hard courts and the grass courts is essential.

9.2 Recognised tennis clothing must be worn on all courts.

## 10. Club Tournaments

10.1 Every tournament will have a designated Tournament Organiser, whose decisions on all matters relating to that tournament are final.

10.2 Tournament Rules will be placed on the notice board in the Tennis Hut.

## 11. Floodlight Play

11.1 In the evenings, coaches may book the floodlit courts only on Monday and Friday and then only when there are no scheduled club matches.

11.2 All members should insert tokens for their courts rather than expect access to the lights key. Tokens can be purchased in the upstairs bar or coffee shop.

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11.3 Coaches may book floodlit courts only to coach members and not non-members.

## 12. Visitors

12.1 All members are allowed to have visitors

12.2 The visitor fee of £2 per person per 30 min session must be paid when making the booking via MyCourts, selecting 'guest' as your opponent(s). See instructions within the MyCourts booking rules.

12.3 Any individual visitor may play only once during any calendar month. Visitors who wish to play more frequently must join the Tennis Section of The Brentham Club.

12.4 Any member can bring up to three visitors at a time and is expected to play with them in singles or doubles as relevant

12.5 If a member believes he/she has justification for flexibility on the above rules eg a long-distance visitor who wishes to play twice over a weekend, the member must gain approval from a committee member in advance

Note that members who are playing with a guest as part of an official LTA competition do not need to pay a guest fee.

12.6 There are a number of organised sessions during the week that are open to non-members. Attendance by non-members is limited to once a week. These non-members cannot then take advantage of the visitor rule to play once a month in addition.