

# TEWIN TENNIS CLUB

## **Rules and Constitution**

(Approved at the Annual General Meeting Nov 2004 & amended Mar 2013)

### 1. **GENERAL**

- 1.1 The name of the club shall be Tewin Tennis Club.
- 1.2 “Member” means a member of Tewin Tennis Club
- 1.3 The purpose of the Club shall be to provide Members with facilities for playing tennis and to organise such other appropriate activities as may from time to time be determined.
- 1.4 The Club shall be self-supporting. The running costs of the Club shall be covered by levying a scale of membership fees.
- 1.5 The Club shall register as a “Place to Play” with Hertfordshire Tennis County Association and thereby as an Associate of the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA). “LTA” means LTA CLG and its subsidiaries or such successor entity or entities as become(s) the governing body of the game of lawn tennis from time to time.
- 1.6 “Rules” means the rules of the LTA as in force from time to time, further details of which can be found on the LTA website at <http://www.lta.org.uk/Footer/about-us/Policies-and-rules/LTA-Rules-and-Regulations/>”.
- 1.7 “Disciplinary Code” means the disciplinary code of the LTA in force from time to time.

### 2. **MEMBERSHIP**

- 2.1 **FULL MEMBERSHIP:** Full Membership of the Club shall be open to all residents of Tewin and Tewin Wood and to current pupils of Tewin Cowper School, including those pupils who reside outside the boundaries of Tewin and Tewin Wood.
- 2.2 Full Members of more than 12 months standing who move from the district may remain Members.
- 2.3 The categories of full membership shall be:
  - 2.3.1 Family - Not more than 2 adults and any number of juniors from the same household.
  - 2.3.2 Adult - Over 18 on 1<sup>st</sup> April.
  - 2.3.3 Junior - 18 or under on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

- 2.3.4 Student - over 18 and in full time education.
- 2.4 Each Member agrees as a condition of membership:
- a) to be bound by and subject to these rules (as in force from time to time);  
and
  - b) to be bound by and subject to the Rules and the Disciplinary code
- 2.5 Rule 2.4 confers a benefit on the LTA and, subject to the remaining provisions of this rule, is intended to be enforceable by the LTA by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999. For the avoidance of doubt, the Members do not intend that any term of these rules, apart from rule 2.4, should be enforceable, by virtue of the contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999, by any person who is not a party to this agreement.
- 2.6 **TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP:** At the discretion of the Committee, temporary membership for one year (which may be renewed) may be offered to a maximum of ten visitors, subject to a proposal for such membership being made by two existing full adult Members resident in Tewin or Tewin Wood accompanied by payment of the full annual subscription for the current year, which subscription will be refunded if temporary membership is not granted.
- 2.7 At the discretion of the Committee, anyone who has been a temporary member for one year or more and who is elected or appointed to the Committee shall be granted full membership.
- 2.8 The committee may terminate the membership of any person, or impose any other sanction they determine to be appropriate, in connection with the breach of any condition of membership set out in this rule.
- 2.9 Members will be encouraged to sign up to British Tennis Membership with the LTA.

### 3. **OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

- 3.1 The officers of the Club shall consist of a Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary/ Membership Secretary (one or two posts). The committee shall consist of the officers of the Club and such number of ordinary members as shall be decided at the AGM. New members of the committee shall be nominated prior to the AGM and all existing members shall be re-elected at the AGM. The number of ordinary members will not normally be less than six.
- 3.2 The committee shall have powers of co-option.
- 3.3 The quorum at a committee meeting shall be four, of whom two shall be officers of the Club.
- 3.4 Tewin Tennis Club agrees that each member of the committee will be required, as a condition of election or appointment, to be bound by and subject

to these rules, the Rules and the Disciplinary Code, such agreement to contain an express acknowledgement that the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 applies and that the LTA and Tewin Tennis Club can enforce any breach at its option and in its sole discretion.

#### **4. SUBSCRIPTIONS AND ACCOUNTS**

- 4.1 Subscription for the ensuing year shall be determined by the committee prior to the commencement of each season and shall be published annually.
- 4.2 Subscriptions shall be due on 1<sup>st</sup> April each year and if not paid by the 1<sup>st</sup> May in any year may, at the discretion of the committee, for that year bear a surcharge. This will be stated in the Spring newsletter.
- 4.3 Presentation of the annual accounts shall take place at the annual general meeting.

#### **5. LIABILITY**

All Members bring their belongings to and play at the Club at their own risk and Members must rely upon their own insurances with regard to any claims made against them.

#### **6. COURT RULES**

- 6.1 Tennis shoes and suitable tennis attire must be worn.
- 6.2 Members are expected to provide their own balls and rackets.
- 6.3 It is expected that all Members will co-operate in maintaining the courts in good playing condition.
- 6.4 Spectators and Members waiting to play must wait outside the courts.  
  
Under no circumstances may young children be allowed on the courts at any time when their parents are playing.
- 6.5 Children under 8 years of age may play on the courts only with their parents (or other adult member of the Club) and provided that their parents are Members and that the children's names are registered with the Club Secretary.
- 6.6 If there is no-one waiting to play, the last person to leave must slacken the net and lock the court.
- 6.7 Replacement keys to the court will be provided by the membership secretary at a cost determined by the committee.

- 6.8 The committee has power to regulate the use of the courts in the interests of the Club.
- 6.9 The practice court can be used at any time without booking, on a first come, first served basis.
- 6.10 Practice court users are expected to vacate the Practice court when Tournament or league matches are in progress.

## 7. **BOOKING RULES**

The committee may regulate the booking of courts and in particular:

- 7.1 Bookings may not be made more than one week in advance (except for league and tournament matches):  
  
E.g. a booking for a Wednesday can be made at any time of the day from the previous Wednesday onwards.
- 7.2 Each member is allowed not more than 2 one-hour bookings per week. (These must be on separate days).
- 7.3 There is no 9 pm booking.
- 7.4 If a court which has been booked is not claimed by ten minutes past the hour, the booking is deemed to have lapsed and the court becomes available for play on a first come first served basis.
- 7.5 Booking instructions can be found in the box inside the courts.

## 8. **TIMES OF PLAY**

The committee may regulate the times of play, the present position being:

- 8.1 The following priorities relate to both courts:

**JUNIORS** Monday – Friday inclusive 4pm – 6pm  
(excluding Bank Holidays)  
Also School holidays 11am – 1pm  
(excluding Bank Holidays)

**Open time when adults or juniors may play**

Saturdays 1pm onwards

**8.2 SENIORS HAVE PRIORITY AT ALL OTHER TIMES ON BOTH COURTS**

8.3 Open Tournament and league matches which may extend for more than one hour may be booked more than one week in advance, and if necessary a longer booking can be made at the discretion of the committee.

8.4 If Seniors are not playing during their sessions then Juniors may play and vice versa.

8.5 Adults may use their weekly bookings in order to play with Juniors in Senior time.

## **9 COACHES AND PLAYERS**

9.1 Tewin Tennis Club agrees that all unlicensed and unregistered coaches and, so far as reasonably practicable, players and other persons using the facilities of the Tennis Club will be required, as a condition of use, to agree to be bound by and subject to these rules, the Rules and Disciplinary Code, such agreement to contain an express acknowledgement that the contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 applies and that the LTA and Tewin Tennis Club can enforce any breach at its option and in its sole discretion.

## **10. VISITORS**

Visitors may be introduced subject to:

9.1 Availability of the court.

9.2 Any visitor playing not more than 4 times in any one year.

9.3 If any visitor shall play more than 4 times in any year then any member introducing that visitor on the fifth or subsequent occasion that year shall be liable to pay the full annual subscription for such visitor in any event. Such visitor shall only be entitled to continue to play at the Club in the event of being made a temporary member under Rule 2.4. If in any year a full subscription shall have been paid under this Rule, no further subscription shall be payable for that year under Rule 2.4.

9.4 Visitors may not play in any club tournament or league.