



# Yelverton Tennis Club: Rules and Regulations (revised April 2021)

## 1.Context

Yelverton Tennis Club is a non-profit making Members' Club whose primary object is to provide facilities for, and to promote and encourage participation in, tennis. The rules and regulations herein are complementary to those found within the Club's Constitution and may be revised from time to time by the Committee in accordance with clause 335 of that Constitution:

## 2.Subscription

The Club year runs from the 1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> March. Subscription reminders will normally be sent to members during the first week of March with a request for payment by the end of March.

## 3.Special Rates

New members joining the Club more than a month after the start of the subscription year may be offered a pro rata reduction on fees at the discretion of the Membership Secretary, who may also use discretion in determining fees in exceptional circumstances.

## 4.Access to Courts & Clubhouse

All gates and doors, as well as the Meavy Lane vehicle gate, are secured by coded locks. On receipt of payment of membership fees, members will be issued with the lock codes. When weather permits, the Village Hall have asked that members should park their cars in the field adjacent to court 2 or by the hedge adjoining Meavy Lane. **The last member to leave the club must ensure all gates and doors are locked.**

## 5.Visitors

Visitors are welcome at the club and may play up to 10 times within a subscription year. The Visitors' fee of £3.00 per adult and £1.50 per junior should be paid by BACS transfer to Mary Barber. Visitors who subsequently join the club will be reimbursed any visitors' fees paid within that year. Visitors who are only temporarily resident in the area may be allowed to play more than 10 times, at the discretion of the Membership Secretary and one other Committee Member, or may request temporary membership as set out in the constitution, para 19.

## 6.Use of Facilities

The club facilities, courts and clubhouse, represent the primary assets of the club and are provided for the benefit and enjoyment of the members and bona fide guests in pursuit of the primary object of the club. The use of facilities for any other purpose, unless with the explicit consent of the committee, is strictly forbidden.

## 7.Behaviour and Responsibilities

Members are asked to behave responsibly when using the facilities, and in particular, to:

1. familiarise themselves and adhere to the Club's Safeguarding rules, which are displayed in full in the Club House and are also available on the Website. All members should reacquaint themselves with the salient points on an annual basis;
2. ensure courts are free of leaves etc prior to play;
3. respect the privacy of neighbouring properties and to keep noise to an acceptable level at all times;
4. respect the club facilities and leave them as you would expect to find them;

5. keep bikes, skateboards, roller skates, prams and other potentially damaging equipment off the playing surface;
6. abide by such rules as may be published from time to time by the War Memorial Committee.

Parents are responsible for the actions and behaviour of junior members.

## **8.Dress Code**

Players are expected to wear recognised tennis clothing or tracksuit. Non-marking sports shoes, preferably tennis shoes, must be worn both for personal safety and to protect the playing surface. Training shoes and other types of footwear with raised heels, spikes, cleats, bars, studs or sharp serrations on the soles must not be used.

## **9.Provision of Balls and Lights**

The Club provides new (or good condition) balls for use at club sessions, tournaments and league play. Members may normally purchase balls for use at other times from Chris Webber. Details will be sent by email and posted in the clubhouse.

All Committee Members have access to the “Balls cupboard”.

Members are asked to retrieve any balls which are hit outside the playing area and to ensure that all club balls are collected from the courts at the end of play. The back gate (to the side the clubhouse) is secured by a coded padlock.

Lights are included in the membership fee and can be turned on using the external switches to the right of the clubhouse door. Members are expected to act responsibly, only using lights for the court being played on and to turn off lights at the end of the playing session.

## **10.Booking of Courts**

Members must book courts for personal use using the Skedda on-line booking system and include names of all players on the court, indicating if any are visitors. All bookings are subject to the following restrictions:

1. bookings can be of one or two hours duration but cannot be made more than 7 days in advance;
2. no member may book more than two hours per day, except under the 24-hour rule;
3. *24-hour rule*: members may book any vacant sessions on the day of play.

Booked sessions should be taken up within 30 minutes of the designated start time, after which the booking is considered null and void. Courts should be vacated promptly at the end of each session.

***The Committee reserves the right to reserve courts for matches, club sessions, coaching, maintenance etc.***

## **11.Club Sessions**

Club sessions are run throughout the year (see emails/notice board for details) and are open to both adults and approved junior members (ask the coach for details).

## **12.Teams**

The club normally runs a number of teams in the Plymouth and District Leagues: Ladies'; Men's and Juniors. All players must be registered with the P&D League Secretary before taking part in the leagues. If you wish to be considered for league play, please register your interest with the respective captain. Note that juniors are eligible to play in the adult leagues.

## **13.General**

Committee Members are entitled to ask any player for proof of membership.

Any comments / complaints regarding the rules should be made in writing to the Secretary of the Club.

**ANY MEMBER FOUND INFRINGING THESE RULES MAY BE PENALISED BY THE COMMITTEE**