

Blossomfield Club – Tennis Section Rules

- 1) The Tennis Section of The Blossomfield Club (The Club) is an integral part of The Club and all the members of the said section shall in all respects conform to and be bound by the rules of the said Club.
- 2) The management of the Tennis Section of the Club shall be the responsibility of the Tennis Committee, whose composition, remit, and governance arrangements are as set out in the Tennis Section Constitution.
- 3) The names of new members will be posted on the Tennis Section notice boards for a period of one month after their election.

Junior Membership

- 4) Children aged under 17 years old inclusive may become Junior members in the appropriate age category ie under 10, 10 – 15 years or 16-17 years at the subscription rate decided by the Club's Main Committee.
- 5) Where the Tennis Committee have offered Junior members Senior Status, this shall be subject to a probationary period of six months.

Visitors

- 6) All sports members may introduce visitors to the Club but the same visitor may not be introduced more than three times in any calendar year, without the permission of the Tennis Committee. Visitors fees shall be fixed by the Tennis Committee and are currently:-

Adults	£5.00	Juniors	£3.00
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- 7) Members introducing visitors are responsible for ensuring the visitor's fee is paid. Visitor's fees must be placed in an envelope (located on the internal Tennis Section notice board) and deposited in the Club Office letterbox on the day of play. The names of the member and visitor and date of visit must be noted on the envelope. Visitor's fees may also be paid via BACS after liaising with the Tennis Section Treasurer.

Court Usage

Senior Social Tennis

- 8) Senior social tennis shall prevail exclusively on the days noted below and at the times displayed on the Tennis Section noticeboards:-

Sunday	Mixed Doubles;
Tuesday	Midweek Fours;
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Thursday	Midweek Fours;
Saturday	Mixed Doubles.

Representative Club matches, tournaments and pre-arranged Group Coaching sessions will always take precedence over members' individual bookings.

- 9) During social play, members must vacate the courts at the end of each set if other members are waiting. On such occasions short sets will be played, that is a tie break to 7 will be played at 5 games all. When members are waiting to play at the start of social play, matches will consist of no more than 7 games or end if the score is 6-0. Short deuces will also be played in these matches.

- 10) Potential new members may attend a maximum of three social sessions before they are required to join as a member.

Senior Arranged Tennis

- 11) Members may book any court to play singles or doubles matches on any day apart from those sessions noted above.
- 12) The following conditions will apply to the booking of arranged matches:-
- a) Courts must be booked using the online system;
 - b) Matches can only be played if the court has been booked by a member;
 - c) Arranged sessions shall be no longer than 90 minutes;
 - d) Courts cannot be booked more than 14 days in advance;
 - e) Representative Club and Tournament matches and Group Coaching sessions as detailed in the Club Development Programme will take precedence;
 - f) Bronze Senior members may book courts 5 and 6 only for arranged tennis.
 - g) Any court bookings not subsequently required by any member must be cancelled at the earliest opportunity.
- 13) Men's and Ladies' match practice will be communicated by the Men's and Ladies' Captains via relevant WhatsApp group messages and Tennis Section emails.

Junior Court Usage

- 14) The following conditions will apply to the booking of arranged matches:-
- a) Junior members aged 14 and over, may book any court to play singles or doubles matches on any day apart from those sessions noted above.
 - b) Courts must be booked using the online system;
 - c) Matches can only be played if the court has been booked by a member;
 - d) Arranged sessions shall be no longer than 90 minutes;
 - e) Courts cannot be booked more than 14 days in advance;
 - f) Representative Club and Tournament matches and Group Coaching sessions as detailed in the Club Development Programme will take precedence;
 - g) Any court bookings not subsequently required by any Junior/Juvenile member must be cancelled at the earliest opportunity.
- 15) Junior Members may use any courts at any other time, provided the courts are not required by full members. Additional facilities may be granted from time to time at the discretion of the Tennis Committee.
- 16) Junior Match Play sessions shall be held as detailed on the TTT Schedule displayed on the Tennis Section noticeboards.

Coaching Development Programme

- 17) From time to time, the Main Committee will determine the nominated Club Tennis Coach
- 18) The nominated Club Tennis Coach shall be entitled to arrange a Development Programme of tennis coaching sessions for Adult and Junior members, at the discretion of the Main Committee. These sessions will be published on the Tennis Section notice boards.

General

- 19) The decision as to the fitness of the courts for play shall rest solely with the Tennis Committee.
- 20) The Tennis Committee may reserve courts for tournaments, matches and any other specific purposes.

- 21) All members are required to wear recognised sports clothing and footwear at all times.
- 22) The Tennis Committee have the right to charge levies in addition to the normal subscription for competitions, tournaments and matches. Payment for entering internal Club tournaments must be made in advance of any play as advised by the Tournament Committee.
- 23) A First Aid Box and a defibrillator are located next to the Club Office entrance. Members should record any supplies used so that these can be replenished by the nominated Tennis Committee Member.

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