

# **BANGOR LAWN TENNIS CLUB**

## **BYE-LAWS / INFORMATION SHEET (Updated Feb 2025)**

*In these Bye-laws the following terms are used:*

*junior members – members who are aged under 18;*

*senior members – members who are aged 18 or over.*

### **CLUBHOUSE**

1. The clubhouse and its environs are non-smoking areas.
2. The last person leaving the clubhouse is responsible for locking up the clubhouse and closing the entrance gate.
3. Members should keep the clubhouse clean and tidy. In particular, team members and members playing on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings should ensure that the kitchen is tidy.
4. A swipe card allowing access to the clubhouse is available from the Membership Secretary (on deposit of £10).
5. Junior members are not permitted to have a swipe card.
6. Senior members are not permitted to give their swipe card to junior members.
7. Junior members are not permitted in the clubhouse unless an adult is present.
8. If junior members are attending adult club sessions. They must vacate the courts and the premises when the session finishes.

### **CLOTHING**

1. Members are expected to wear appropriate sports or leisure clothing when playing.

### **CARE OF THE COURTS**

1. Appropriate sports footwear, which will neither mark nor otherwise damage the courts, must be worn.
2. No food or drink, other than water (in a suitable non-glass container), may be taken on to the courts.
3. Smoking on the courts is not permitted.
4. Litter, especially chewing gum, must not be left on the courts.
5. The last person to leave the courts must ensure that they are locked.
6. A key which accesses all the courts is available from the Membership Secretary (on deposit of £3.50).

## **FLOODLIGHTS**

1. If there is only one court being used, members are allowed to turn on the floodlights for courts 1 and 2 (or courts 2 and 3).
2. When members are finished playing, they are responsible for turning off the floodlights (unless other members are waiting to play).

## **CLOSURE OF COURTS**

1. Any two members of the club's committees may close a court for play should they deem it unfit for use.
2. In these circumstances the court must not be used without permission and members are asked to respect any notices placed on the court.

## **SENIOR CLUB SESSIONS**

1. These club sessions are for organised social doubles play for all senior members of the club. Junior members can be invited to participate if approved by the Management Committee.
2. The club sessions are held on
  - Monday 7.00pm – 9.00pm – all members
  - Tuesday 9.30am – 12.30pm – men only
  - Wednesday 9.30am – 12.30pm – ladies only
  - Wednesday 7.00pm – 9.00pm – all members
  - Saturday 1.30pm – 5.00pm – all members.
3. During club sessions no other court use is permitted unless approved by the Management Committee, except that the club sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings are only allocated three courts.
4. Club sessions are organised using a rota system:
  - a. A member shall write his/her name on the board on arrival.
  - b. On completion of a set the names of the players shall be added to the list, the winners' names first.
  - c. When there are a number of members waiting to play, the member at the top of the list shall select three other members to play from the next seven names on the list. In the event of there being no member of the same gender as the selector in the next seven names, the next member of the same gender as the selector may be chosen.
  - d. Members should try to avoid selecting the same players for consecutive sets.
  - e. If a member declines an invitation to play when selected, his/her name shall be placed at the end of the list.
  - f. A selected four shall play one set to a maximum of 6-6 in games plus a tie-break.

5. If six courts are available and eight or more members are waiting to play, a short set shall be played:
  - a. the set is played to a maximum of 6-5 with no tie-break;
  - b. if the score in a game is 40-40, one more point is played to decide who wins the game;
  - c. if b) applies, the receiving pair chooses who is to receive serve, except that in mixed doubles the receiver must be of the same gender as the server.

When three, four or five courts are available, short sets shall be played if there are five or more, six or more and seven or more members waiting to play.

6. There is an allocation of three tennis balls per court.
7. If there is a mixed league match at home on a Monday or Wednesday evening, the match shall initially have the use of four courts for the mixed doubles ties and then three courts for the remaining ties. This will allow the club session to have two courts and then three courts.

## **TENNIS BALLS**

1. Except during club sessions, matches and other activities approved by the Management Committee, balls are not supplied for members' use.

## **COURT ETIQUETTE**

1. When tennis is being played on court 1, players wishing to enter or leave courts 2 or 3 should use the car park gate.
2. If a ball rolls onto or behind an adjacent court, a player should wait for the rally to finish before retrieving the ball or asking for the ball to be returned.
3. During club sessions, if a group of members start their set on one court, they should finish their set on that court and not move to another court.

## **COURT BOOKING**

1. Senior members may book courts at any time except when they are in use for an activity approved by the Management Committee.
2. Junior members may book courts up to 6:30 pm. Junior members are not permitted to book or use the courts after 6:30 pm unless they are participating in an activity approved by the management committee (club sessions, matches and tournaments).
3. Club sessions and matches have priority i.e. the courts must be vacated immediately.

## **PROCEDURE WHEN ALL COURTS ARE IN USE AND MEMBERS WISH TO PLAY**

1. Members waiting to play should inform the players on court of the fact.
2. The court should be vacated on completion of the current set to a maximum of 6-6 in games plus a tie break. Players vacating in this way may use the same system to return to court.
3. Doubles play and singles play have equal standing.

## **VISITORS**

1. Junior(U18) members may not bring visitors unless an adult is present throughout the session.
2. Senior and junior(U18) members may bring a visitor provided that, before play, details of the visitor and the relevant fee (currently £5 for a senior and £2.50 for a junior) is given to a member of the Management Committee or posted into the club letter box.
3. A visitor is not permitted to play on more than six occasions per calendar year and should be encouraged to apply for membership.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY**

1. Photography of any type on the club premises is only allowed with the permission of the Management Committee. The use of photographs and recorded images of juniors has to be consented by a parent or guardian.

## **CAR PARK**

1. Members should take care when driving in the car park, particularly when children are present.
2. Members should respect the privacy of our neighbours, particularly when leaving the club grounds in the evening.