

BEWDLEY TENNIS CLUB BYE-LAWS GOVERNING CLUB PLAY

APPLICABLE TO ALL EVENINGS - FLOODLIGHTS

Floodlights must be switched off at 10.00 p.m. as a condition of the planning permission for the floodlights. Club Nights, except for Junior Night, commence at 6.30 p.m.

HEAD COACH COURT USAGE

The Head Coach will have priority use of the practice wall at all times. The near blue court will be guaranteed to be available for coaching every Tuesday all year round until 10.00 p.m., until 7.00 p.m. every Wednesday during British Summer Time, until 6.30 p.m. every other weekday during British Summer Time, until 7.00 p.m. every other weekday outside British Summer Time and at all times during weekends subject to match play and tournaments.

MONDAY EVENING - CLUB NIGHT

All Adult Members will mix in for either men's, ladies' or mixed fours which will be selected by the Mixed Captain and rotate after each short set (a short set is where a tie-break takes place at 5 games all and not at 6 games all), unless there is a Club Championship match or an inter-club league match, in which case three sets are permissible. Mixed fours may be selected by the Mixed Captain to provide practice for team pairs and competitive play for non-team members.

- a. Junior Members are allowed one court until 8.00 p.m. if five or more courts are available for general Club play. Juniors should then leave the premises. This Bye-Law does not apply to Juniors who are invited to play with the Adult Members by the Mixed Team Captain(s).
- b. If more than four Junior Members wish to play, they must rotate using one court only after each short set.
- c. Doubles play takes preference over singles play unless there is a singles Club Championship match (e.g. if five courts or more are being used and other fours are waiting to play, singles play is not allowed unless there is a singles Club Championship match to be played).

TUESDAY EVENING - FIXED FOURS

Pre-arranged fixed-fours, either men's, ladies' or mixed, will rotate after each short set unless there is a Club Championship match or an inter-club league match, in which case three sets are permissible.

- a. As Monday night.
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- d. During the Winter season (defined as outside British Summer Time) Courts must be pre-booked.

WEDNESDAY EVENING - MEN'S NIGHT

Men's fours to be selected by the Men's Captain and provide practice for team pairs and competitive play for non-team members.

- a. Ladies are allowed one court if five or more are available for general Club play.
- b. Junior Members are allowed one court until 8.00 p.m. if five or more courts are available for general Club play. Juniors should then leave the premises. This Bye-Law does not apply to Juniors who are invited to play with the Adult Members by the Mixed Team Captain(s).
- c. However, if there is a ladies' four and a junior four, they must rotate, using one court only after each short set, unless the four is involved in a Club Championship match or an inter-club league match, in which case three sets are permissible.

THURSDAY EVENING - LADIES' NIGHT

The same as men's night with the reversal of sexes.

FRIDAY EVENING - JUNIOR NIGHT

Junior Members have full entitlement to all the courts from 5.00 p.m. until 8.00 p.m. After that time Adult Members are entitled to play on one court. Adult Members may be allowed one court before 8.00 p.m. for Club Championship matches, at the discretion of the Junior Organiser/ Head Coach.

SATURDAY AFTERNOONS AND WEEKDAYS

Junior Members have full entitlement to the clay courts from 1.00 p.m. until 5.00 p.m. on Saturday afternoons and from 3.30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. during the week. This is an absolute condition of the grant for these courts.

Adult Members should not start to play on the last available clay court and should always offer to move rather than wait for Junior Members to ask. If there are inter-club league matches on Saturday afternoons then these take precedence over Junior Members' use of the clay courts. Club Championship matches on Saturday afternoons do not take precedence over Junior Members' use of the clay courts.

ALL OTHER TIMES

All available courts are for general Club use (ie men's, ladies', mixed or family, singles or doubles). If others are waiting to play, members should always rotate after a short set unless they are playing a Club Championship match, in which case they may play the best of three sets.

If there are four or more courts available for general Club play, Junior Members are always entitled to one court until 8.00 p.m. They should rotate after a set with any other Junior Members waiting to play whether playing singles or doubles. If they are playing a Club Championship match or a county matchplay singles they may play the best of three sets. After 8.00 p.m. Junior Members should leave the premises. This Bye-Law does not apply to Junior Members who are invited to play with the Adult Members by the Team Captain(s).

If there are less than four courts available for general Club play then Adult Members are entitled to all those courts. They should always let the Junior Members finish their game first.

BEWDLEY TENNIS CLUB BYE-LAWS GOVERNING MEMBERS' CONDUCT

The following Bye-Laws govern Members' conduct with regard to general social and court etiquette:

- a. Always respect players who are on court.
- b. Wait until a rally has finished and you are invited to cross behind that court before leaving a court or retrieving balls from that court.
- c. Always use the entrance nearest to the court on which you are due to play.
- d. Never jump over the net or lean on the net. Never lean against or pull on or climb up the side netting or fencing.
- e. Please always use shoe brushes to remove clay when coming off the clay courts and always before using the hard courts or entering the clubhouse.
- f. Please always drag the clay courts and brush the lines after playing if you are the last person to play on that court at that time and no-one is waiting to play. Please do not assume that the court will be used by someone else without checking.
- g. Never take bicycles, scooters, skateboards or any similar equipment on to the courts.
- h. Please put all litter in the bins.
- i. Junior Members under the age of 10 should not be left unattended while on the Club premises.
- j. Please treat the clubhouse furnishings and equipment with respect. Do not place feet on seats or tables and do not throw or kick balls around inside the clubhouse.
- k. Please clear up and clean any kitchen items that have been used and leave the kitchen in a clean state ready for use by the next Members.
- l. If dogs are brought into the clubhouse they are not allowed on to the furniture.
- m. Bad language, i.e. offensive words and rudeness, is not tolerated by the Club in any area and is not excused on court.
- n. Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the Club's premises.
- o. In the interest of safety and hygiene, no crockery or glasses or glass bottles are allowed in the changing rooms or on court. It is expressly forbidden to take or to consume alcohol on court.

- p. No Member shall bring alcohol onto the Club's premises unless they have the prior permission of the General Committee.
- q. Players are advised not to chew gum while playing because of the risk of choking and also because discarded gum is a major problem on the surface of the courts.
- r. The side entrance to the clubhouse should always be kept closed and the last Adult Member to leave the Club is responsible for checking that any Juniors Members still on the premises have removed their belongings from the clubhouse and that all the windows are shut and the doors locked before they leave.

The following Bye-Laws govern Members' conduct with regard to footwear and dress code:

- a. Only recognised tennis shoes with flat soles are permitted to be used on court.
- b. Recognised tennis clothing should always be worn on court. Examples of unsuitable clothing include:
 - Beachwear
 - Football/ rugby shirts for Adult Members
 - Cycling shorts worn on their own.
 - Running vests
 - Jeans/ cut-off shorts
- c. Members are expected to wear both a top and shorts/ skirt at all times whilst on court or in other public areas of the Club.

The following Bye-Laws govern Members' conduct with regard to Club facilities:

- a. The clay courts must not be played on if dry or too wet.
- b. The clay courts should be dragged after use by pulling the large brushes behind you and the lines should be brushed using the smaller brushes.
- c. During the winter the clay courts must not be used when there is a frost that is thawing.
- d. There is limited parking at the Club and members are asked to use this efficiently. When parking on the road members are expected to show consideration to our neighbours and to take care not to obstruct their driveways.
- e. Playing visitors must pay the appropriate visitor's fee, which is currently £2, on entering the Club.