

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.

MONDAY EVENING - CLUB NIGHT

All adult members are welcome to attend and will be allocated to a mixed four as selected by the Mixed Captain. They will play for one set, first to 6. After this players are reallocated to another four.

It is at the captain's discretion whether to introduce a short set if numbers warrant this. (A short set is where a tie-break takes place at 5 games all and not at 6 games all).

Mixed fours may be selected by the Mixed Captain to provide practice for team pairs and competitive play for non-team members.

Club Championship mixed matches may be played at the discretion of the Mixed Captain. H&W League mixed matches may also be played on a Monday night.

- a. Junior Members are allowed one court until 8.00pm 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).
- d. Coaching takes priority on the Hard Courts

TUESDAY EVENING - FIXED FOURS

Pre-arranged fixed-fours, either men's, ladies' or mixed, can be played. *Courts should be booked by a member of each four via the clubs booking system.* Club Championship matches or H&W League matches can also be played (subject to court booking.)

- a. As Monday night.
- b. As Monday night.
- c. As Monday night.
- d. As Monday night

WEDNESDAY EVENING - MEN'S NIGHT

All adult male members are welcome to attend and will be allocated to a mixed four as selected by the Mens Captain. They will play for one set, first to 6. After this, players are reallocated to another four.

It is at the captain's discretion whether to introduce a short set if numbers warrant this. (A short set is where a tie-break takes place at 5 games all and not at 6 games all).

Fours may be selected by the Mens Captain to provide practice for team pairs and competitive play for non-team members.

Club Championship mens matches may be played at the discretion of the Mens Captain. H&W League mens matches may also be played on a Wednesday night.

a. As Monday night

b. As Monday night

c. As Monday night

Ladies are allowed one court if five or more are available for general Club play.

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

All Adult Female Members are welcome to attend and will be allocated to a mixed four as selected by the Ladies Captain. They will play for one set, first to 6. After this, players are reallocated to another four. It is at the captain's discretion whether to introduce a short set if numbers warrant this. (A short set is where a tie-break takes place at 5 games all and not at 6 games all). Fours may be selected by the Ladies Captain to provide practice for team pairs and competitive play for non-team members.

Club Championship ladies matches may be played at the discretion of the Ladies Captain. H&W League Ladies matches may also be played on a Thursday night.

a. As Monday night

b. As Monday night

c. As Monday night

Men are allowed one court if five or more are available for general Club play.

However, if there is a mens' 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.

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 at the discretion of the Junior Organiser and also subject to court booking.

WEEKDAYS AND SATURDAY AFTERNOON

See table of events for daytime tennis

Tuesday	Men's Mix-in: 9.30-midday**
Wednesday	Ladies Mix in: 9.30-midday**
Friday	Doubles Mix-in: 9.30-midday**
Saturday	Doubles Mix-in: 2-4pm Open to all, and an ideal opportunity for new members to meet other members of the club**
**Mix-ins: small charge, organized by club members.	

ALL OTHER TIMES

Adult members may use the courts at any time during the day throughout the week subject to matches, tournaments, and coaching, which always take precedence over club play.

In order to play tennis at the club, you must book a court first. In order to book a court, you will need to have received an invitation by email and registered with Club Spark. This will be set up when you first join the club. Once you have done this courts can be booked using the 'Book a Court' link on the club website.

Junior members may play at any time during the day if courts are available. Children under the age of 12 should never be left unattended while on the club premises.

BYE-LAWS GOVERNING MEMBERS' CONDUCT

The following Bye-Laws govern Members' conduct as per the Clubs Safeguarding Policy.

- Prioritise the well-being of all children and adults at all times
- Be a positive role model. Act with integrity, even when no one is looking
- Help to create a safe and inclusive environment both on and off court and promote the Fair Play values: enjoy; respect
- Value and celebrate diversity and make all reasonable efforts to meet individual needs
- Check you have the relevant consent from parents/carers, children and adults before taking or using photos and videos
- Where possible, do not be alone with a child or adult at risk
- Do not abuse, neglect, harm or discriminate against anyone; or act in a way that may be interpreted as such
- Doing nothing is NOT an option: report all concerns and disclosures as soon as possible, following the Concern Reporting Procedure. If someone is in immediate danger, call the police (999)

The following Bye-Laws govern Members' conduct as per the Clubs General Etiquette and Ground rules

- Always respect players who are on court.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct such as racket abuse, ball abuse and audible obscenities will not be tolerated.
- Bad language, i.e. offensive words and rudeness, is not tolerated by the Club in any area and is not excused on court, nor is it acceptable on social media relating to the club.
- Wait until a rally has finished and you are invited to cross behind the court or to retrieve balls.
- Never jump over the net, lean on the net or lean against or pull on or climb up the side netting or fencing.
- Always use shoe brushes to remove sand when coming off the artificial grass courts and before using the hard courts or entering the clubhouse.
- 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.
- Please wear appropriate tennis clothing and tennis shoes on court. (Cross trainers/heavy ribbed soles are not permitted)

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

- 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.
- The side entrance to the clubhouse should always be kept closed and the last adult member to leave the club is responsible for ensuring that all the windows are shut and the doors locked before they leave.
- 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.
- Please put all litter in the bins provided both inside and outside the clubhouse.
- Please put tennis balls that are no longer fit for use in the recycling bin in the kitchen.
- Never take bicycles, scooters, skateboards or any similar equipment on to the courts.
- The clubhouse is a "Non Smoking Area".

