

Templars Tennis Club

CLUB RULES

Management of the Club

Templars Lawn Tennis Club Limited (“the Company”) is established in accordance with its Articles of Association. Under the Articles of Association, the club committee (the “committee”) manages the day to day operations of Templar Tennis Club (“Templars” or “the club”) and can make such rules and regulations as it sees fit to discharge this duty.

The following are the current rules of the Templars which are subject to change by the committee from time to time:

1. The affairs of the club are to be managed by a committee.
2. The committee is to consist of between three and ten full-time members of the club. At each annual general meeting of the Company 1/3rd of the members of the committee retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election.
3. The committee may form sub-committees to deal with any matters of the club as they see fit, including but not limited to the operation of the bar, improvements to the facilities and major repair/maintenance projects.
4. Each member (of each class) agrees as a condition of membership to be bound by and subject to these rules and regulations of the tennis club

Membership

5. Applications for any category of membership of the club are to be made to the Membership Secretary, on the approved application form, accompanied by the correct remittance. Acceptance of an application for membership will be subject to the applicant passing a playing standard assessment (for applicable categories) administered by a member of the committee. The committee reserves the right to refuse membership for any reason whatsoever and will not be obliged to disclose such reason.
6. A member may withdraw his or her membership of the Club at any time without any right to the return of any part of his or her subscription. Membership shall not be transferable in any event and shall cease immediately on notification or on the failure of the Member to comply or to continue to comply with any condition of membership set out in these Rules.

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7. If at least six members of the committee meet and so decide, the committee may terminate the membership of any member without his or her consent by giving the member written notice if, in the reasonable opinion of at least two-thirds of those committee members voting, the member:

- (a) is guilty of conduct which has or is likely to have a serious adverse effect on the club or bring the club or any or all its members, committee members and directors into disrepute; or
- (b) has acted or has threatened to act in a manner which is contrary to the interests of the club; or
- (c) has failed to observe the terms of these rules.

8. Subscriptions for the various categories of membership are to be determined by the committee. The club's membership year or full season runs from 1st April to 31st March. All subscriptions for the renewal of membership are to be paid by 30th April. Any existing Member whose subscription is not paid by the 30th April shall be deemed to have resigned his or her membership of the club and be subject to the current pro-rata membership fee.

Guests/ Visitors

9. Any member may introduce a visitor provided both names are entered on the visitors' sheet displayed for that purpose in the clubhouse **BEFORE** play commences. A court fee for tennis playing visitors (£10 per guest, per visit from 1st April 2017) is to be paid by the introducing member (*Full Details of guest registration and payment process are on the Club Noticeboard*).

The committee will determine the level of visitors' fees from time to time and will display these on the club notice board. Visitor's fees may be waived in the case of club or local tournament matches as approved by the committee. Members are responsible for ensuring that their guests comply with the club rules. There will be no limit on the number of times a visitor may play in any one year.

10. The club may grant Honorary Membership to a person for extraordinary services to the club or for any other good reason, subject to the approval of the full members of the club at a general meeting.

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11. All members and their guests are required to show respect for the club's property and premises and to keep the club clean and tidy. Appropriate action, including suspension or cancellation of membership, may be taken against members contravening this rule.

12. When playing, members and guests are expected to wear clothes appropriate for tennis. Non-tennis clothing is not acceptable (for example, casual trousers, jeans, walking shorts or football shirts, are not appropriate).

13. Only proper tennis shoes with suitable grips are allowed on the synthetic courts, not only because they will not damage the surface, but they will also improve movement and help reduce injuries. Trainers, running shoes or similar are **NOT** allowed as they have 'aggressive' soles and moreover are not designed for the sideways and multi-directional movement of tennis. Aggressive shoes have bars, studs or sharp serrations on the soles and can do permanent damage to the synthetic courts in a very short time (full details of acceptable footwear is available on the clubhouse notice board and on each entrance to the synthetic courts).

Any members introducing visitors are responsible for ensuring that they are correctly attired. Anyone wearing inappropriate footwear will be asked to leave immediately.

14. The committee has the discretion to suspend or expel any member who disregards the rules.

Coaching

15. The committee may appoint a professional coach who will be an honorary member of the club and subject to club rules. At the discretion of the committee, the coach may be requested to attend committee meetings, where appropriate, but will not have any voting rights.

16. The committee shall agree with the coach the times and courts available for the coaching of individuals and groups.

No member, other than the club coach or authorised deputy, shall be permitted to coach for reward, a member, visitor, or any other person playing at the club. No member shall be permitted to play with, for reward, a member, visitor or any other person playing at the club.

17. The club coach shall have full access to and priority use of court 5 at all times.

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Use of Courts

18. The Club and its courts are available at any time subject to floodlights not being used before 8am or after 10.30pm.

19. If there are members waiting to play, players are to retire on completion of a set not exceeding 12 games. When all courts are occupied, members playing singles are to immediately accommodate others waiting to play by offering to make up a doubles game. Club members get priority over visitors who must step off the court on the completion of a set not exceeding 12 games (visitor fee is not refundable). These rules apply at all times except when club matches or local tournament matches are being played, or during authorised coaching sessions.

20. Matches in approved tournaments are not to be played during club social tennis periods.

21. Fixtures for club team matches in the Middlesex Leagues and any other competitions will be arranged outside club social tennis periods wherever possible.

22. Junior members (who join with their adult parents) may not play after 6.30 pm on courts 1-4, unless they are attending a private lesson with the coach or playing with an adult or under 25 member of the club.

23. Specified junior members, whose standard of tennis is judged by the committee to be sufficiently high, may be granted full playing status, in which case their rights to the use of courts will be the same as adult members.

24. A member of the committee may close the courts or restrict the hours of play should this be considered necessary for reasons of safety, maintenance, or such like.

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Club Social Sessions

25. For full adult members and under 25 members club social tennis sessions operate throughout the year as follows:

- Sunday and public holiday mornings from 9.30 am - 12.30 pm (Courts 1-4)
- Wednesday evenings from 7pm - 10.30pm (Courts 1-4)

26. Balls are provided by the club for use during the above club social tennis sessions. At the end of each club social session, members are responsible for returning the club balls to the cupboard provided for this purpose. At all other times, members are required to provide their own balls.

27. Authorised Group Coaching Sessions:

- Monday 8pm-9pm (Courts 1-4)
- Friday 9.30am – 11am (Courts 1-4)
- Saturday 9am-12pm (Courts 1-4)

During the above sessions, courts 1-4 will only be available for those attending. During these times, members may use Court 5 unless the coach at his discretion agrees to allow play on a synthetic court not in use. Members will be given two weeks' notice of any scheduling changes to group coaching sessions.

28. In the event that any of the above sessions are poorly attended over a period of time, the committee reserves the right to alter future playing times or the number of courts available for social tennis or group coaching sessions. The details of any such change will be posted on the club notice board two weeks before the change comes into effect.

Floodlight Tennis

29. Courts may be booked between 6.30pm and 10.30pm during the winter season (1 October to 31 March). Detailed rules regarding booking will be determined by the committee from time to time and will be posted on the club notice board.

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30. Court floodlights **must be switched off by 10.30pm**. This is a condition stipulated in the planning permission granted for the use of the floodlights. Anyone breaking this deadline may face expulsion from the club.

Management of the Bar

31. The club may run a bar for the sale of refreshments to members, including alcoholic beverages at specific times. The committee may appoint A bar committee to manage the bar.

32. The bar will be kept locked and only be opened when a member of the bar committee is present to supervise the sale of drinks and refreshments. Only members of the bar committee will hold keys to the bar.

33. Alcoholic beverages may only be sold to adult club members. Guests, including visitors to the club to play matches or tournaments, may not purchase alcoholic beverages.

Miscellaneous

34. The last member/s leaving the courts and/or clubhouse is/are responsible for ensuring that the floodlights are switched off, that the clubhouse lights are switched off and that the windows and doors are securely locked.

35. Members or visitors leaving unattended rackets, clothing or other property at the club do so at their own risk and the club is not responsible for any loss, damage or injury resulting from this or from any other cause.

36. Club members may obtain a set of keys to the clubhouse from any committee member, in consideration for a deposit of £10 which is refundable upon return.

37. Any dispute arising out of, or not covered by, these rules is to be referred to the committee and its decision will be final.