

CROSSHILL TENNIS CLUB

PLAYING RULES - SEASON 2007 under construction

some of this information is out of date at this moment, but is generally OK.

1. Court Usage

- a) **Social Club Nights** shall be on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 p.m.
 - b) **Team Practice** shall also be on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 p.m. Team players are expected to mix-in with players from other teams as suggested by the Team Captain(s) and, when the balance of players dictates, with social players.
 - c) **In-Club Tournaments and "Mix-In" Events:** Tuesdays from 6.30p.m.
 - d) **Sunday afternoons** courts available for Social Tennis from 2.00 p.m. until 5.00 p.m.
All these events are open to all Full (Adult and Concessionary) Members plus invited Junior Members. During social play on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons, members are expected to 'mix-in' with other members rather than play pre-arranged games.
 - e) **Junior Evening** shall be on Wednesdays, from 4.00 p.m. - 6.00. p.m. During this period, Junior Members shall have **precedence on all courts**.
 - f) **Junior Supervised Play** will be available most weeks on either Tuesday or Wednesday evenings. For details see Pavilion Notice Board.
 - g) **Open League Matches** will normally take place from 2.00 p.m. on Saturdays.
Mixed B Team Matches start at 10am on Sundays.
Ladies B Team Matches start at 6.30pm. on Fridays.
Mixed League Matches start at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesdays.
Ladies A Team Matches start at 6.30 p.m. on Mondays.
 - h) All the above will be played as scheduled in the Slazenger East Lancashire Tennis League Fixture Book. A calendar of all scheduled fixtures will also be displayed on the notice-board at the start of the season. Team captains will amend the list if any matches are rescheduled or any additional matches are arranged. All such matches will take priority on **two courts** and are typically of **three hours' duration**. Occasionally, there will be two Open Team matches on a Saturday afternoon, using **four courts**.
 - i) At all times other than those detailed in a), b) and c) above, there shall be 'free play' on all courts. Whenever scheduled matches take priority on some courts, there shall be 'free play' on the remaining courts. During 'free play', **Juniors will have priority on Court 5** (the court furthest from Preston New Road). Where there is 'free play', doubles shall take precedence over singles. If members are waiting to play doubles, those playing singles must vacate the court at the **end of a short set** (first to 6 games), or **immediately if a set is not underway**. Should members be waiting to play, only one short set may be played by those on court.
- On Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays after 6.30 p.m., Full Members have precedence on Courts 1-3 and Junior Members will have precedence on Court 5. When there is no Slazenger East Lancashire Tennis League match taking place that evening, Junior Members will also have precedence on Court 4; otherwise Full Members will have precedence on Court 4 (unless that court is being used for the match). Where Full Members have precedence, Junior Members may be included in any doubles by invitation of the Full Members.
- j) External authorised non-club fixtures (e.g. individual knockout or Burnley Evening League or Knockout Matches) should be arranged only during times when there is 'free play' on all courts and should not normally occupy more than two courts. Such matches can be started at other times when there is 'free play' **only if there are two or more courts free**, but may then be played to a conclusion.

k) **2. Clothing**

- a) Recognised tennis attire must be worn on court. A plain white T-shirt / track suit / joggers / fleece etc. are all permissible. Football shirts, jeans and other attire unsuitable or unsafe for use on a tennis court should not be worn.
- b) Only correct footwear may be worn on the courts: shoes with ridged or studded soles will not be permitted as they are likely to severely damage the courts.

3. Care of Courts

- a) Following rain, care should be taken not to start play on the courts if they are “too wet” (to avoid damaging the court surface and to limit the risk of personal injury). An indication that a court is too wet is that it will have become soft or slimy, and may appear “sticky” when trodden on. Likewise, if the courts become too wet during play, please stop play to avoid damaging the court surface and the risk of personal injury.
- b) Members are asked to “water” the courts before play whenever they think they are becoming dry. On rare occasions, a court may start breaking-up if too dry. On such occasions, members are requested **not to use the court** and should report the problem to a Club Officer or the Grounds man.
- c) After completion of any match or set, members are required to ‘drag’ the court with the mats provided, unless other members plan to use the court and formally relieve those members of the requirement so to do. The entirety of the playing surface should be dragged: from the net to the back fencing. If rain has led to the court surface being very wet or puddled, members are excused from dragging their court, although if the onset of rain is gradual members should make every effort to stop play in time to drag the courts before they become too wet for this to be effective.
- d) If no members remain, the last people to leave must ensure that the gates to the courts and door to the Pavilion are all locked and the lights switched off. Always leave the nets on the courts at the correct height and, if it is present, remove the winder and return it to the Pavilion. (The net is left at the correct height to prevent any likelihood of damage being caused by over-tightening.)

4. Etiquette

All members:

- a) should act courteously to other members or visiting players
- b) should ensure that their behaviour is appropriate: bad language will not be tolerated; noise must be kept to an acceptable level
- c) should not walk behind the court whilst a point is in progress on that court, (e.g. to access another court or to retrieve a ball), either **inside** or **outside the fencing** surrounding the court,
- d) should return balls which have passed from another court onto or behind their court - either by rolling them to the back netting behind the court or passing to the nearest player between points;
- e) should not retrieve any balls hit into neighbouring gardens without the explicit permission of a resident of that property;
- f) must not bring footballs or bikes onto the court.

5. Team Captain:

- a) The duties of any Team Captain shall include putting forward suitable teams for entry into the Slazenger East Lancashire Tennis League and for other competitions which are appropriate. The Management Committee shall ratify all such entries.
- b) Team Captains shall be responsible for:

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- team selection;
- arranging and re-arranging matches, as appropriate;
- keeping Club members informed regarding any scheduled matches other than those as detailed in the Slazenger East Lancashire Tennis League fixture book by adding to the list of matches displayed on the notice-board;
- ensuring that any provisions (balls, squash and any other appropriate refreshments) are available for matches;
- determining the fitness of the courts for play, communicating as required with the team members, Club Officers and Grounds man (when available)
- exchanging pairings with the opposing Team Captain prior to the start of each match;
- collecting match fees from those representing the Club;
- informing the appropriate Results' Secretary of the match result in the manner required by the competition.

6. General

- a) Keys to the Pavilion and Courts are available to all Full Members from the Club Chair and selected other Club Officers. A deposit of £5.00 is payable for the two keys. (£2.50 each)
- b) Any player playing in an Open, Ladies or Mixed match shall pay a match fee to cover balls and other incidentals. The match fee is set at £2 for adults and £1 for juniors, students and those registered unemployed.
- c) Once issued, all members should carry their membership cards with them at all times. Any member can request that another player produce their membership card. Should they be unable to produce it they would normally be asked to leave the court. Any member found lending their membership card to another individual shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Management Committee. Any repeat offender is liable to expulsion from the Club.
- d) A member may introduce a guest to Crosshill Tennis Club according to Rule 14 of the Club Rules. The fee will be £2 per day (£1 per day for juniors) and any guest shall have the same rights as a corresponding Full or Junior Member (as appropriate) on that day. However, during formal coaching sessions or Open Days, the Management Committee may open the courts to non-members without charging a guest fee. Any member introducing a guest is responsible for:
 - their guest's behaviour;
 - collecting the guest's fees;
 - passing their guest's fees on to a Management Committee member as soon as practical;
 - ensuring that their guest's name is recorded in the **Visitor's Book**.
- e) On rare occasions, special events may be arranged and authorised by the Management Committee and which may impinge on normal Club activities. Although few, they will be well advertised on the Club notice-board so that members are encouraged to note these.
- f) The Management Committee reserves the right to alter or amend these Playing Rules if it is considered that changes are required due to prevailing circumstances. If changes are likely to have a significant impact on the Club, such changes will be put to an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting, although they may be introduced on a temporary basis until such time as a meeting can be arranged.

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