

# WESTMORLAND PARK LAWN TENNIS CLUB RULES

(By joining the club you agree to abide by the following rules)

## 1. Membership

- 1.1 Membership of the Club shall be open to all residents of Bracknell Forest Borough
- 1.2 Membership will be open to residents of other areas at the discretion of the Club
- 1.3 The membership categories are:
  - 1) Family membership. [up to 2 Adults, and 4 Children aged 5 -17 inclusive]
  - 2) Adult membership
  - 3) Junior membership – i.e. Aged 5 to 17 years inclusive.
- 1.4 The Club may withdraw the membership of any member who contravenes the Rules of the Club.
- 1.5 A member's card or key tag is proof of membership and should be available for inspection when playing.
- 1.6 Members may bring only one guest on any one occasion. The same guest may not be invited on more than 5 occasions per year.
- 1.7 Junior members may not bring senior guests.
- 1.8 Members under 11 years of age should be supervised by a responsible adult.

## 2. Subscriptions

- 2.1 Subscriptions shall be subject to review.

## 3. Use of Courts

- 3.1 On joining the Club, members will be given a key for the lock that controls entry to the courts. Lost keys will need to be replaced at a cost of £5.00 from the Parks & Countryside service. Keys are not transferable.
- 3.2 Court Bookings are managed by the Tennis Club through an online booking system. To be able to use this, you will automatically be registered when you first join the club.
- 3.3 Allocation of court time and booking arrangements shall be determined and reviewed by the Club and published on the court notice board.
- 3.4 Adult sessions are open to younger members by invitation only.
- 3.5 Bracknell Forest Borough Council Leisure Services reserve the right to have sole use of the courts at certain dates/times which will be notified to Club members in advance.

## 4. Coaching

- 4.1 Coaching is permitted but this will be subject to review by the Club if it causes distraction to other players.
- 4.2 All persons (including Juniors) receiving or giving paid coaching must be members.
- 4.3 An exception to Rule 4.2, in which those giving or receiving paid coaching may be non-members, such as for an Open Day, will be at the discretion of the Management Committee.

## 5. Dress, Behaviour and Court Care

- 5.1 Appropriate attire must be worn on the courts. Tops must be worn at all times.
- 5.2 Always wear soft-soled tennis shoes. Non-marking shoes must be worn, if shoes are marking the surface you will be asked to leave the court.
- 5.3 Un-sportsmanship, noisy behaviour and foul language will not be tolerated. Any infringement of this rule will result in the player concerned being asked to leave the court.
- 5.4 The court surface may soften during hot weather, if this happens play must be stopped immediately and the courts locked.
- 5.5 Do not place heavy objects on the surface. Sharp toys, roller skates, in-line skates, bicycles and scooters etc. are **not permitted** on the courts.
- 5.6 All litter must be removed from the court and placed in the litter bin.
- 5.7 When you leave the courts ensure the gate is **closed and locked**.
- 5.8 Never lean on, or attempt to jump the net.
- 5.9 Used chewing gum is to be placed in the litter-bin provided, and not left on the courts surface.
- 5.10 No smoking within the courts enclosure, and cigarette ends are to be placed in the litter-bin provided.

## 6. Animals

- 6.1 No animals are allowed on the courts.

## 7. Publicity

- 7.1 A Member agrees to allow WPLTC to use any images of him or herself or family (in case of family membership) in publicity material which promotes the club e.g. on the Club's Facebook account.

**The Club will not divulge members' names.**

- 7.2 A Member agrees for the Club to make contact by email as part of the 'News Bulletin' updates.
- 7.3 To opt out of 7.1 and/or 7.2 then a member should contact [westmorland.park@bracknell-forest.gov.uk](mailto:westmorland.park@bracknell-forest.gov.uk)
- 7.4 A full data protection statement can be found at the bottom of the online **Westmorland Park Lawn Tennis Club – membership application form**.

# WESTMORLAND PARK LAWN TENNIS CLUB COURT ADMINISTRATION

Please observe the following when booking and using the courts.

## 1. Court Access Times

The Courts are available for play between 8.00am and dusk.

## 2. Booking Courts

If you are a member you can book a court online by going to <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/parks-and-countryside/outdoor-sports-courts-and-pitches/tennis> and selecting the section called "book a court online". (Note you have to be registered first)

## 3. Court Bookability

All courts are bookable except during regular Club sessions. Please note that during occasional Club events, i.e. competitions and matches, no courts are bookable. These occasions will be notified in advance on the notice board. Bracknell Forest Borough Council Leisure Services reserve the right to have sole use of the courts at certain dates/times which will be notified to Club members in advance.

## 4. Booking Restrictions

Courts are bookable in one-hour sessions only. Not more than a one-hour session can be booked against the same name/number in a day. There shall not be more than two outstanding "court-hour" sessions against any one name/number, at any one time.

## 5. Late Arrival for Bookings

If a member has booked a court and does not turn-up within 15 minutes of the allotted time they lose the court, and another member will be allowed to take the court, but the committee request that common sense should prevail in these instances.