

Club Rules

BALLINLOUGH TENNIS CLUB CLUB RULES

The following rules shall govern the use of the premises of Ballinlough Tennis Club unless altered by the General Committee as it may see fit from time to time.

1 The rules of play shall be those adopted by the Irish Lawn Tennis Association.

2 Floodlighting must not be used after 10.00 p.m.

3 Any Junior member of the Tennis Club may use the tennis courts at any time between 10.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. The courts may be used by a Junior member who is accompanied by a Senior member of the club and who is playing with that Senior member on an unbooked court at any time between 6.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. provided there are no Senior members waiting for a court. They may play after 7.00 p.m. on a booked court only provided they are accompanied by the Senior member who booked the court and that they are playing with that Senior member.

4 The following conditions shall apply in relation to preference of use of courts 2, 3 and 4.

a If a court is free and not booked the member may occupy the court immediately.

b. The court must be vacated strictly on the hour unless there is no other member waiting to go on court. Where all three courts are due to be vacated on the hour they should be vacated by the members who have been playing longest. Where the occupants of each court have been playing for the same length of time they should be vacated in numerical order i.e. No. 2 vacated first, then court No. 3, then court No. 4.

c. Preference shall be given to members who have pre-booked a court. Unbooked courts shall be occupied on a "first come first served" basis. This should be decided on the basis of the first full group waiting for the court to be vacated. A booked court which has not been occupied by 15 minutes past the hour shall be deemed unbooked.

5 Court No.1 may be booked for use between 6.00pm and 10.00pm as per booking of Courts 2,3 & 4 as described in Rule 15.

a. Outside these hours Court No.1 shall be available to any member of the club subject to the following:-

b. use by Junior members will be restricted as per Rule No.3 above.

c. The court must be vacated each half-hour (on the hour or half-hour) unless no other member is waiting to use the court.

d The court will be occupied at the beginning of each half-hour period on a 'firstcome, first-served' basis by the first full group waiting to go on court.

6. Proper tennis attire shall be worn on court. Acceptable attire shall include shorts, T-shirts, tennis skirts, track-suits, non-marking tennis shoes.

7. There shall be no swearing on court.

8. There shall be no smoking on court.
9. No food including chewing gum shall be consumed on court areas.
10. Bicycles shall not be allowed on court.
11. No persons other than the players and, where necessary, an umpire shall be allowed on court while games are in progress.
12. Each member using the courts will take care not to cause any damage to the court surface, the nets or perimeter fencing by misusing them.
13. Entrance gates to courts shall be closed while courts are in use and closed when the courts are vacated.
14. Any Club member may bring a guest to play tennis on the Club courts subject to the following conditions :-
 - a Each member is allowed to bring the same guest to the club on a maximum of 5 occasions in any one year
 - b Each member and their guest shall be required to sign the Guest Register and pay the appropriate Guest Fee on arrival at the Club. The Guest Fees shall be as determined by the General Committee from time to time and displayed on the Notice Board.
 - c Each guest shall be required to comply with the Rules of the Club while on the Club premises. It shall be the responsibility of the host member to ensure that their guest is fully aware of and complies with these Rules.
15. Courts 2, 3 & 4 may be booked at the Club-house on Tuesday night between 6.45 and 8.00pm. These courts may be booked at any time after 8.00pm by phone or in person at the club.
16. Any member may book a court for THREE separate hours of play during the following week. It is not permissible for any member to book more than one hour on any particular night.
17. No pairing or foursome may book a court for 2 or more consecutive hours.
18. Junior members may not book courts after 6.00 p.m.
19. Courts may be booked for particular events such as matches, tournaments, coaching sessions, club nights, ladies mornings etc. by either booking on the Tuesday night or by pre-booking by prior arrangement with the person appointed to oversee the booking. In general courts are not available on Club nights or Ladies Mornings for other events unless with the prior approval of the General Committee. Matches should be played on Saturday or Sunday unless in exceptional circumstances and then at the discretion of the team captain and Club Captain.
20. Members are required to take all due care when using the grounds at the Club. Litter should be put in the bins provided.
21. Cars should be parked in the adjacent car-park in the marked spaces and in such a manner as to avoid causing any nuisance or obstruction to other users of the car-park.
22. Bicycles may be brought on the Club premises but should be left in a tidy manner along the southern gable wall of the Clubhouse (i.e. the one closest to the Community Centre). There shall be no cycling on the footpaths or grassed area.
23. There shall be no football, tennis etc. played on the grassed area.

24. Members are required to take all reasonable care to use the Clubhouse in such a manner as to avoid causing any damage to same. Members are required to obey the Regulations contained in any notices which may be posted from time to time in and around the Clubhouse governing the use of same.

25. All members are obliged to carry out any reasonable request made of them by the club Caretaker or any Senior member of the Club acting in a supervisory capacity in the Clubhouse and Club premises.

26. No Club property may be taken from the premises without the permission of the General Committee.

27. Any question not provided for by these Rules shall be decided by the General Committee whose decision shall be final and binding unless otherwise decided by a General Meeting of the Club.

28. The General Committee are empowered to make and alter any Rules for the regulation of the use of the Club premises.