

West Middlesex Lawn Tennis Club

Junior Members – Club Rules

(effective November 2020)

Welcome to West Middlesex Lawn Tennis Club. We hope you will enjoy being a member and spend a lot of time playing tennis. Please read the following rules carefully – it is essential that you abide by them to ensure your own enjoyment and the enjoyment of others.

1. Who can become a junior member and how do I join?

- Anyone can become a junior member if they are aged under 18 on April 1st in the current subscription year. We welcome juniors of all standards, although we would strongly recommend that you join one of the coaching squads.
- If you wish to join the Club, fill in the online ClubSpark form or the paper application form and preferably pay online or by cheque or cash to the office. New members are not admitted to the privileges of membership for an interval of two days between becoming members and being admitted to the privileges of membership.
- As a member you will be supplied with a shoe tag as proof of membership, which you should have with you whenever you are at the Club. You **must** be a member to play at West Mid, so any member, whether Adult or Junior, may be asked at any time for this proof of membership and will be asked to leave the club premises if they cannot provide it.

2. When can I play tennis & which courts can I use?

- There is a court priority schedule which identifies when juniors have priority, we advise you look at this.
- Outside of club coaching, the Club provides no supervision of Juniors. As a result, parents/guardian must ensure that outside of coaching sessions all Junior members in the **under-12** subscription category are supervised by a person aged over 21; one such person can be responsible for up to 4 Junior members.
- Junior members in the **under-12** subscription category may not play after 7.30pm (unless playing in a Club match or in a coaching session).
- Planning permissions require us to ensure that the courts are clear of players and floodlights switched off by 10.45 pm each night on courts 1-5 and 10pm on courts 6-9.
- At busy times, where there are players waiting to go on court, play is limited to 1&1/2 hours.
- Junior members may play on court with their parents (even if they are not members), during junior priority times. **However, if two or more juniors are waiting to play, then they will have to give way to the waiting juniors.** At all other times, they will have to give way to adults who have priority.
- Junior members are advised that parents should not bring a bucket or basket of balls to the court for coaching or hitting purposes. Buckets should only be used by club coaches during prearranged coaching sessions.

3. What should I wear? What equipment do I need?

- You must wear proper tennis shoes (these have non-marking soles which will not harm the courts) and recognised sports clothing (no football shirts, please). However, we do not insist on "tennis whites".
- Players must bring their own tennis rackets - unless they are attending club coaching.
- Balls are provided for club matches, club night and club coaching sessions, but you are expected to provide your own balls when you play at other times.

4. How do you expect me to behave at the club?

- Do not cross a court while play is in progress on it. If you have to cross another court to reach yours or to pick up a ball, please wait for a suitable break (between games is best).
- Shut the court gates and outside gate.
- Use tennis or other non-marking footwear on court.
- Use tennis shoes suitable for artificial clay on courts 3-5.
- Do not use abusive or discriminatory language or behaviour.
- Do not take chewing gum, drinking glasses, glass bottles or cans onto court.
- Clear away all your rubbish to the bins provided.
- Do not to take bicycles, skateboards, scooters onto court.
- Make sure your mobile phone is switched off while you are playing.
- Sweep clay courts after use.
- No shouting.

5. Can I bring friends in to play?

- Members are welcome to bring visitors to play at the Club. Any member playing with a visitor pays the appropriate visitor's fee.
- Visitors playing in recognised Club or LTA matches do not pay visitors' fees.
- A visitor can play on up to five occasions in any one season.
- Prior to joining prospective members may play at the Club in Club Social Tennis sessions, a Back to Tennis group or at the discretion of the Committee.

6. Safeguarding Statement

West Middlesex LTC acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and adults at risk. The club is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice and LTA requirements. The club's safeguarding policy recognises that the welfare and interests of children and adults at risk are paramount in all circumstances. A copy of the club's safeguarding policy and details of our Safeguarding Officer is available on our website and displayed on the clubhouse noticeboard.

7. Who can I contact for more information?

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| • Safeguarding Officer | Ruki Daruwalla | 07940 719395 |