

## **IVANHOE TENNIS CLUB – MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

### **MEMBERSHIP AND COURT USE**

#### **Club Access**

Membership of Ivanhoe Tennis Club provides Adult and Senior members with access to the courts through the Club booking system. Members may book courts during available hours through the online booking system on the club's website.

Club members will have access to the courts and toilet block for the times of booking, for all members 16 years old and over. Younger junior members will have access to the courts only where a parent is present to supervise during the booking time.

Membership is non-transferable and access must not be provided to non-members.

Members must familiarise themselves with the Club's Child Safe Policy on the Club's website.

Players need to be aware at all times of the Club's proximity to neighbours. Consideration must be shown by keeping noise levels to a minimum.

If balls go into a neighbour's property, they must be considered lost.

Accessing the Ivanhoe Bowling Club to retrieve balls should be done respectfully, particularly if there is play occurring on the greens.

Always make sure the clubhouse and gate are locked when leaving the grounds.

Finally, make sure that you care for your courts and surrounds and be considerate of fellow members and neighbours.

#### **Court Care and Playing Conditions**

**DO NOT PLAY ON COURTS THAT HAVE A WET SHINE OR POOLS OF WATER.**

**DO NOT PLAY DURING RAIN.**

Courts must have dragmats applied at the end of play unless courts are underwater or excessively wet.

- Mats must be dragged from fenceline to fenceline.
- Alternating direction of dragging is beneficial.
- This is essential for good maintenance of the court surface.

## Correct Tennis Attire

Correct tennis attire is required at all times.

**Correct tennis shoes are very important.  
The court surface is easily damaged by wrong shoes.**

Shoes with a raised pattern sole or heel are not permitted.

Any indented pattern variation must not exceed 4 mm.  
Soles must be flat (no raised heel) with soft/rounded edges.

Herringbone pattern is the best sole to provide good grip on our courts.  
Most well-known brands stock them.



Although these shoes have a defined heel, the overall sole is still flat and the edges rounded. The herringbone pattern is less than 4 mm deep.

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## **Visitors**

Although ITC is a members only club, we understand members may want to bring visitors. Please email the club at [ivanhoetc@gmail.com](mailto:ivanhoetc@gmail.com) to arrange a visitors pass. Visitor fees are \$10 per adult and \$5 per junior.

## **Smoking Ban on Club Premises**

In the interest of community health, and as a requirement of Council's lease arrangement, a total smoking ban on Club premises (including courts and club surrounds) applies.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Tennis Activities**

Ivanhoe Tennis Club offers a variety of activities including Competition, Social and Coaching activities.

If you are interested in playing competitive tennis, please email the Club. Current competition includes Tuesday night adult Men's, Wednesday night adult Women's, Thursday night adult Mixed and Tuesday mornings adult Women's competition.

Members playing in a team must contribute to the cost of tennis of balls and lights used in competition.

Coaching is with the Club's professional coach, Jeremy Mackay and Tennis Works. For coaching information, please contact Jeremy directly on (03) 9882 5897 or visit the Tennis Works website.

A Seniors social group plays on Monday mornings. For further details, email the Club.

Court availability for social play is visible on the court booking system - accessible on the club's website under the "Booking" tab.

### **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting must be held within 5 months of the end of the Club's financial year (June 30th)

## **Correspondence**

All newsletters with information about special events such as working bees and fundraising activities are sent to members by email. AGM notices and annual subscription invoices will be sent by email, or by post to those who request it or are without email addresses.

Please ensure that we have your current email address and remember to update any changes.

## **Club Rules, By-Laws and Policies**

The Club Rules and By-Laws can be viewed on the Club's website at <https://play.tennis.com.au/ivanhoetennisclub>

You should familiarise yourself with these rules.

## **Membership of Tennis Victoria**

As a member of Ivanhoe Tennis Club you have membership of Tennis Victoria.

Go to <http://www.tennis.com.au/vic/players/registration> for further information.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to send an email to [ivanhoetc@gmail.com](mailto:ivanhoetc@gmail.com)

or visit the Club's website at <https://play.tennis.com.au/ivanhoetennisclub>

Please read on to view Ivanhoe's Code of Conduct and Child Safe Policy.

## **IVANHOE TENNIS CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT**

All members of Ivanhoe Tennis Club are bound by this Code of Conduct as a condition of their club membership. Members have a responsibility when playing at or representing the Club to conduct themselves in an appropriate and professional manner, consistent with the code of conduct below.

This code of conduct is to be read in conjunction with the rules and by laws of tennis policies from Tennis Australia, the Club's Constitution and lease conditions imposed by Council as the Club's landlord.

### **General Code of Conduct**

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of fellow members, players, coaches, committee members regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Abusive language, aggressive behaviour, any form of abuse or bullying and any form of harassment towards or discrimination of others will not be tolerated.
- Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealings with others.
- Be professional and accept responsibility for your actions.
- Please respect the clubhouse, courts and surrounding grounds and treat the club's facilities as if they were part of your own home.
- If you use the clubhouse kitchen equipment, please ensure that all the facilities are left clean and suitable for other members to use after you.
- Do not ride bikes, skateboards, scooters or similar within the tennis court or Club compound.
- Pets are not allowed on the courts at any time – they can cause damage to the courts' surface, and they could be a safety risk to players.
- Pets are not allowed inside the clubhouse at any time.
- Pets shall be under their owner's control anywhere within the compound and are not to be left unattended.
- Smoking is not permitted inside the clubhouse or within the tennis courts.

- Excessive consumption of alcohol is not an acceptable behaviour.
- Comply with the hours and conditions permitted for play.
- Ensure children are under parental supervision within the clubhouse, and on the grounds surrounding the courts.
- If you witness a child at risk of unsafe behavior or disobeying ITC rules, please bring this to the attention of the child's parent, supervisor or coach.
- Tennis shoes are required to be worn on court at all times. Rippled sole, desert boots or shoes which are clearly not tennis shoes damage the court surface and are not permitted.

### **Players Code of Conduct**

- Be a good sport - treat all players as you would like to be treated.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all players regardless of their race, gender, disability, cultural background or religion.
- Always consider the safety and wellbeing of fellow players.
- Do not verbally and/or physically (directly or indirectly) abuse players, or act in an inappropriate manner as to deliberately distract or provoke players. No obscene language and/or gestures of any kind.
- Refrain from any form of harassment of any other person and do not bully, intimidate, threaten or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Play according to the rules. Settle any disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.

If you witness any breach of this Code, please bring the matter to the attention of the Club via email [ivanhoetc@gmail.com](mailto:ivanhoetc@gmail.com)

The Club's committee will endeavour to investigate the alleged breach.

## **Parent / Guardian Code of Conduct**

- Treat your child the same irrespective of them winning or losing.
- Remember that your child plays tennis for their enjoyment not yours.
- Try to have fun when you are around your children at competitions. Well-directed humour can be a great de-stressor.
- Look relaxed, calm and positive on the sidelines.
- Make friends with other parents at competitions.
- Get involved in appropriate ways if your child or the coach behaves in unacceptable ways during competitions.
- Let the coach do the coaching.
- Understand that children will benefit from a break sometimes
- Be there when the child performs poorly. Be an understanding listener rather than a critic, judge and/or fixer.
- Be prepared to give your child some space so that he/she can grow and develop as an independent person.
- Occasionally let your child compete without you being there.
- Emphasise the good things your child does in preparing for and during the match/tournament.

### **Try to avoid:**

- Saying, “we’re playing today”. Instead say, “you’re playing today”. Give your child credit for accepting the responsibility for performance.
- Turning away when your child’s behaviour is unsportsmanlike.
- Telling your child what he/she did wrong after a tough match.
- Arguing with your child’s opponents or family during a match/tournament.
- Making your child feel guilty by reminding them about all the time, money and sacrifices you are making for his or her sport.
- Thinking of your child’s sporting performances as an investment for which you expect a return.
- Badgering, harassing or use sarcasm to motivate your child.
- Comparing your child’s performances with those of other children.
- Forcing your child to go to training. If they are sick of training find out why and discuss it with them.

## **Grievance procedure**

In the event that there is an alleged breach of this Code, the person(s) aggrieved may lodge their grievance in writing to the Secretary [ivanhoetc@gmail.com](mailto:ivanhoetc@gmail.com) clearly stating the date, time and nature of the alleged infringement.

Ivanhoe Tennis Club offers you a warm welcome.

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