

SOUTH CAMBERWELL TENNIS CLUB - RULES AND PROCEDURES

1. Court access and 'fair play'

- a. Organised social tennis (see 2. below) has preference over any casual play.
- b. The Club appointed coach has preference over all other play for two courts during the times that the Club coach has been granted access to the courts for coaching. The scheduled times for coaching are published on the Club's website.
- c. Children under 12 may only play under the constant supervision of an adult member.
- d. Members should encourage play by younger members.
- e. Subject to a. and f., if players are waiting to use a court (if no other courts are available) singles groups should consider inviting waiting players to join them to play doubles and, failing that, one set only should be played by each group, in turns. If the set takes more than 30 minutes to complete, the waiting group has the right to take a court. The group that has been playing the longest should vacate first. This is known as our '**fair play**' policy. Groups should continue to rotate when players are waiting.
- f. Members are encouraged to play doubles rather than singles when all courts are busy – to allow the maximum number of players to play.

2. **Organised social play** During designated organised social play times, the appointed court captain arranges pairings for all organised social play, and the court captain has complete discretion on the selection of pairings. The times for organised social play are published on the Club's website.

3. **Coaching** No paid coaching is permitted at the Club except by the Club coach. A member may assist another member with their skill development provided no payment is made.

4. **Movement** No movement is permitted across the court when play is in progress. Players should cross courts at the back of the courts or at the net – but must wait for the persons playing on court to wave them through.

5. **Attire**

- a. Proper clean sports attire must be worn on courts. Street clothes, workwear or dirty clothes are not to be worn on courts.
- b. Soft soled sports shoes can only be worn on courts (no street shoes).
- c. Shirts/tops must be worn at all times. No bare-chests allowed.

6. **Conduct** The Committee has the power to deal with any member for improper conduct or for failing to comply with the rules and procedures, including a, b, c and d below:

- a. Players must not smash or throw racquets into the court surface or other parts of the club area. Players will be automatically suspended if found smashing/throwing racquets or damaging the playing area and will have to pay the full cost of repairs. This could result in a cost of many hundreds of dollars. Repeated behaviour will result in the player's membership being cancelled permanently, with no refund of membership fees.

- b. Members and their guests must treat each other with respect at all times. Swearing, threatening or other inappropriate behaviour will be assessed by the Committee and may result in the player's suspension or cancellation of membership.
 - c. Members must clean up the clubhouse and kitchen at the end of play and after any use of the facilities. Members must also ensure that all rubbish is placed in rubbish bins (located inside and on the deck of the clubhouse).
 - d. Members must ensure that the Club is secure when they leave – especially if they are the last to leave. This includes turning off the lights, turning off the air-conditioner, locking the clubhouse and ensure the access gate is securely closed.
7. **Lost property** Racquets left at the Club will be donated or sold after being unclaimed for four weeks. Unclaimed clothing will be given to a charity or placed in the rubbish bin after two weeks.
 8. **Guests** Members are responsible for paying guest fees and for the behaviour of their guests. The applicable guest fees (\$5 per guest as at May 2022) are published on the Club's website. Other than as approved by a member of the Committee, guests may play up to four times per year – and should become members if they would like to play more than four times.
 9. **Lights** Lights are available on Courts 1 and 2. The fee for use of the lights (\$12 per hour per court as at May 2022) is published on the Club's website and must be paid for each court. If you wish to play under lights you must pay for the lights on the court you use, regardless of whether anyone is playing on the other court. Lights must be turned off at 10pm (per local council regulations).
 10. **Payments** All payments should be made by direct debit to the Club's bank account – BSB 013247 Acc 7413828 (or placed in the payments box next to the night light switch).
 11. **Swipe Cards** Members must show or carry their membership swipe cards at all times. Swipe cards must not be loaned to non-members. Swipe cards should be returned to the Club if membership ceases (so the cards can be re-used). Swipe cards will be deactivated if membership is not renewed or membership ceases for any other reason. A fee (\$10 as at May 2022) may be charged to replace lost/damaged cards.
 12. **Membership Fees** Annual Membership Fees are due by 31 March each year. If the fees are not paid by the due date, a late payment fee may be payable. If the fees are not paid within one month of the due date, playing rights will be suspended and swipe cards deactivated until the fees (including any late payment fees) are paid and there will be an additional fee (\$10 as at May 2022) to reactivate the swipe card.
 13. **Liability** Players (whether members or guests) using the courts do so at their own risk and may be held liable for any damage caused by them whether accidentally or willingly.
 14. **Compliance Checks** Committee members are authorised to periodically carry out checks to ensure members comply with these Rules including all requirements regarding coaching, guests and use of lights. Any failure to comply will be referred to the Committee for appropriate action and may result in suspension of playing rights or termination of membership.

Approved by SCTC Committee, 7 May 2022