

# West Middlesex Lawn Tennis Club Limited

## Adult Members - Club Rules 2011 - 2012

### 1. Who can become a member?

Absolutely anyone. We welcome players of all standards, from team standard to those who wish to learn to play; and we offer social membership to non-players. There is a variety of membership categories, designed to suit all.

### 2. How can I become a member?

- If you wish to join the Club, apply in writing enclosing the relevant subscription
- 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
- Your membership is evidenced by the shoe tag provided to you each season. You must bring this with you every time you come to the Club
- Members pay a deposit for the key fob for the entrance gate; this is returnable on ceasing to be a member and the return of the key fob
- The Committee may award honorary membership at its discretion
- Off peak members may play up to 6pm Monday to Friday but not at weekends. The exceptions to this are if they are playing a full Adult or Junior member in the Club ladder or Tournament

### 3. How are subscriptions organised?

- Annual subscriptions cover the season April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>
- Subscriptions are due on April 1<sup>st</sup> each year and if not paid by April 30<sup>th</sup> privileges of membership will be withdrawn
- The Committee may increase the annual subscription at its discretion prior to the start of the season
- Only members who have paid their annual subscription by 10 am Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup> 2011 will be entered in the Club draw for Wimbledon tickets
- To enter the club ballot for Wimbledon tickets one must be a British Tennis Member
- The Committee may make subscription adjustments during the season in certain circumstances at its discretion

### 4. Who is on the Committee and what does it do?

- The Committee manages the Club and consists of: Chairperson; Honorary Secretary; Honorary Treasurer; Honorary Ground Secretary; Ladies' Captain; Men's Captain; and other members
- The Committee makes sure that a Club member is nominated as Child Protection Officer
- The Chairperson is elected annually by the Committee
- Three voting members form a quorum of the Committee

### 5. Is there an Annual General Meeting?

There is an Annual General meeting in each calendar year at which the Annual Report and Accounts are presented to members

## **6. Can I bring friends to play as visitors?**

- Members are welcome to bring visitors to play at the Club. Any member playing with a visitor pays the appropriate visitor's fee and completes the information on a guest fee slip. 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
- A visitor who has not previously been a member may play at the club free of charge **once only** to sample the Club's facilities. If unaccompanied by a member, they may only take part in Social Tennis or American Drives free of charge. If accompanied by a member, there is no restriction on play.
- 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

## **7. How do you expect me to behave on court?**

- Not to cross a court while play is in progress on it
- Only to use tennis or other non-marking footwear on court
- Not to use abusive or discriminatory language or behaviour
- Not to take chewing gum, drinking glasses, glass bottles or cans onto court
- Not to smoke on court or inside the Clubhouse.
- To clear away all your rubbish to the bins provided
- Not to take bicycles, skateboards, roller blades onto court
- To make sure your mobile phone/pager is switched off while you are playing

## **8. When can I play and which courts can I use when?**

- The hours of play and the court usage priorities are set out in the Statement of Court Usage, as revised from time to time
- If you are playing on a Junior priority court and a Junior wishes to play on it, you have to stop playing immediately (or at the end of the game) - to finish a set or match you have to move to another court
- Local byelaws require us to ensure that the courts are clear of players and floodlights switched off by 10.45 pm each night

## **9. What happens if I don't abide by these rules?**

- Any member who does not comply with the Club Rules or who behaves inappropriately or not in the best interest of the Club may be disciplined by the Committee at its sole discretion
- The first stage in the disciplinary process is for the Committee to issue a written warning to the member detailing the inappropriate behaviour
- If such behaviour continues, the member is requested to attend a disciplinary hearing to discuss his/her behaviour. If the matter cannot be resolved, the disciplinary sub-committee may recommend to the Committee that his/her membership be terminated
- Failure to attend a disciplinary hearing, without reasonable cause, will result in membership being terminated