

# **Meonstoke Tennis Club Rules**

All Members are required to abide by the Club Rules, and the Child Protection, Vulnerable Persons and Health & Safety Policies. The Club is a not-for-profit Community Amateur Sports Club, run in line with our Club Constitution and the tennis and community objectives included in our Constitution.

## **Members Playing at the Club:**

1. At the end of play it is essential that members check that the Court is safely locked up, and the tennis nets slacked a little. Security could be a problem at the recreation ground and it is essential that all members lock-up the Court on leaving and report any concerns to a committee member.
2. Only non-marking, non-ridged tennis shoes are allowed on the court (including the playing of mini tennis) – trainers or other inappropriate shoes are not allowed as these will quickly damage/mark the court surface, as well as possibly cause injury to the wearer. Players will be asked to leave the court if they are not wearing appropriate shoes.
3. Players should wear clothing suitable for sport/tennis.
4. Members who come to play at club ‘mix-in’ sessions (such as mixed club nights) are asked to join in sessions and not play independently.
5. Members can play at any time within daylight hours except when the court has been booked for club coaching/junior coaching sessions, mini-tennis, special events, or by another club member. Arrangements for coaching sessions must be made through and with the agreement of the management committee.
6. Only fully paid-up members of the club are allowed to play on the court (aside from coaching sessions). Any friends or family (i.e. not family household members) who are not members are expected to pay a visitor’s fee, or better still join the club. Visitor’s fees (£10) should be paid to a committee member at your earliest convenience.
7. Keys must not be lent to non-family members. Only bona-fide members should have access.
8. Smoking is of course not appropriate!
9. No animals/pets are allowed on the court.
10. The court must not be used for any other games other than the playing of tennis and short tennis.

## **Court Etiquette:**

1. Members are required to make an online booking prior to using the court. Bookings may not be made more than seven days prior before planned play. Bookings are made online via the club’s website - [www.meonstoketennisclub.com](http://www.meonstoketennisclub.com)
2. Members are asked to vacate the court promptly if other members have booked and arrive to play.
3. Members are asked to avoid disturbing players on court during play e.g. by walking across the back of their court or conducting noisy conversations nearby.
4. All players are required to keep noise to a minimum to avoid disturbing local residents.
5. Balls that are unfortunately hit into the surrounding fields can only be recovered with the expressed permission of the landowner.
6. If you are an experienced adult or older junior, please try to offer younger or less experienced players the chance to have a hit against you if they are waiting for a game.

## General:

1. Please help publicise the club – the majority of new members join clubs through word-of-mouth recommendations and it is really useful if members can publicise their club. Please let them know details of the website or a committee member if they need more personalised information.
2. The club website can be found at: [www.meonstoketennisclub.com](http://www.meonstoketennisclub.com). Please use the club website to keep informed of forthcoming events and news, to access email addresses for the committee or coach, and to submit news/information for the website.
3. Please put forward your views and ideas on a regular basis to ensure the club continues to work well for members and the community. Members can put forward their concerns or suggestions in a number of ways, including: talking to, or emailing one of the club's committee members or coaches; raising points at/before the AGM meeting

## Visitors & Non-Members' Pay & Play:

1. An individual Visitor playing with a member/s is welcomed up to 3 times per year and must pay the £10 Visitor's Fee. This payment can be made to any committee member (or via BAC's). Should you wish to play with the "visitor" more often it is expected that the visitor will join the club. If the visitor lives outside of the local area the application must be sent to the committee as enrolment may not be agreed and the visitor put on a waiting list.

## Court Booking system for Members:

1. Members can book the court via the website ([www.meonstoketennisclub.com](http://www.meonstoketennisclub.com))
2. **Members can book the court for up to 120 minutes at a time/day**, at any time when the court is not reserved for club coaching or junior sessions or tournaments or special events. Bookings may only be made a week in advance. Children's/adult coaching sessions will be blocked out on the court bookings sheets more than 14 days in advance.
3. **Members may not book the court more than three sessions a week, a session being 1 hour i.e., a total of three hours per week.**
4. One to one coaching may take place for one hour only and is part of the players booking allowance.
5. If a member has booked a court but has not turned up to play within 15 minutes after the court booking time started, then the court becomes free and other members can book and play on the court.
6. To ensure members have the maximum opportunity to use the court, members are asked to try to cancel their entry on the court bookings sheets if they know they cannot play. Please do not book the court unless you are fully intending to play.
7. If nobody has booked the court you may continue to play, but any subsequent online booking will take priority.

**If you have any problems in connection with Child Protection, Vulnerable Persons, Club Rules, Health & Safety Policies, or any other matters relating to the club, please contact anybody on the Club Committee (see full listing of contact details on the website)**