

Highworth Tennis Club Regulations (revision August 2013)

1. Attire

- 1.1 Players must wear soft-soled non-marking tennis shoes - no hard-ridged soles. Players must wear suitable tennis kit. [April 1998]

2. Coaching

- 2.1 Coaching is only permitted with prior permission from the club committee.[March 1998]

3. Public Use

- 3.1 The courts are available for public use - at times convenient to the club. [January 1998]
- 3.2 Courts nos. 4 and 5 are normally available to the public from 9am to 5pm weekdays and up to 2pm weekends. Members wishing to play on these courts must use the booking system at 'The Rec'. Club cards must be shown to avoid payment. Members are not required to book courts at other times. Courts 2 and 3 are always available to members. [January 2013]

4. Court maintenance

- 4.1 Snow and ice on the courts must be left to thaw and must not be removed by any method. Salt must not be used on the courts. [January 1992]

5. Game rules

- 5.1 Sets must start and finish on the same court. [January 1992]
- 5.2 The 5 game rule will operate when anyone is waiting. [April 2009]
- 5.3 At club sessions if members are waiting to play, players must leave the court after playing one short set.

6. League matches

- 6.1 When a league match is being played on any of courts 1 - 3 the spare court is not to be used. See also Reg. 6.2. [April 1998]
- 6.2 In exceptional circumstances courts may be used on club nights for re-arranged matches and L.T.A. tournaments but, on these occasions, regulation 6.1 will **not** apply. Members are expected to show extra courtesy so as not to distract or interfere with match play. [October 1992]
- 6.3 Non payment of match fees. A player who is in arrears of two matches will not be eligible to play in any further matches until payment has been made. [March 1994]

7. Ball provision

- 7.1 New balls will be provided on the first senior club night in April - August inclusive and will be for use on other club sessions in the same week. [April 1999]

8. Senior Club sessions

- 8..1 Wednesdays and Fridays from 6.30pm between 1st April - 30th September and from 7pm from 1st October – 31st March. Wednesdays 2pm - 5pm and Sundays from 2pm. When matches or Tournaments are played on Sundays, then Saturday will be club afternoon. See also Reg. 6.2. [January 1999]
- 8.2 Members and prospective members only at club sessions. [April 1992]
- 8.3 Prospective new members may attend a maximum of three sessions. [April 1992]
- 8.4 Visitors fees paid will be deducted from the joining fee. (See also Reg. 11). [April 2009]
- 8.5 Any junior member who has, on at least three occasions, represented Highworth Tennis Club in a league match at senior level i.e. Swindon and District, Wiltshire Knockout and Wilts Winter League will, at the discretion of the committee, be permitted to take part in senior club tournaments and senior club sessions. Any other junior member can, at the discretion of the committee, be invited to take part in senior club tournaments and at senior club sessions. [April 1999]
- 8.6 At the discretion of the committee, juniors who have played in senior friendly matches be invited to play in senior tournaments. [November 1991]

9. Health and Safety

- 9.1 A strict no-smoking rule is to be enforced on court and in the clubhouse with effect from 1st May 1998. [March 1998]
- 9.2 All accidents must be entered in the club accident book. [January 1990]

10. Match Play and Match Fees

- 10.1 All members who have expressed a wish to be considered for match play be invited to pre-season selection sessions. [September 1990]

11. Charges and Guest Fees

- 11.1 A charge should be made of £3.00 per court for non members' guests.
- 11.2 This rate is to be charged on an hourly basis with effect from 1.4.92 [May 1991]
- 11.3 The fees for member's guests are: juniors £2.00 and seniors £3.00. Members are responsible for guests signing the visitor's book and paying their fees. Fees must be left in the Fees tin. [January 1992] [January 2013]

12. Wimbledon Tickets

- 12.1 The draw for Wimbledon will be made in line with rules from the All England Club. Only paid-up members of the club who are also members of British Tennis will qualify to enter the draw and to receive one pair of tickets. Tickets are non-transferable except to another member of Highworth Tennis Club on the Wimbledon Reserve list. Tickets must be paid for at once.[April 2009]

13. Junior Club sessions

- 13.1 Saturday 10 - 12.00 . Friday 4.30 - 7.30 pm coaching. Juniors are entitled to play up to 6pm weekdays except Thursdays, which is up to 2 pm (see Reg. 8.1) and normally up to 2pm on Saturdays and Sundays (1pm when a league match is scheduled). They may also play at other times when courts are vacant. [January 2013]

13.2 Juniors are entitled to play at all non-senior dedicated times. [November 1994]

14. Security

14.1 Valuable are left at owner's risk. [November 1994]

14.2 The clubhouse is to be locked at all times unless senior members are present.
[November 1994]

15. New Members

15.1 A copy of these rules and regulations to be issued to all new members upon receipt of membership payment. [January 2013]

14.3 Only senior committee members should have a key to the club house. Permission to hold a club house key can be extended to non-committee members where, in the committee's opinion there is a valid reason. [April 1998]

14.4 Only authorised persons to have a key and access to the store cupboard, but can be loaned to other senior committee members if required. Any non-committee member who requires access to the store cupboard will require authorisation from the committee. [November 1991]

14.5 At the end of play courts must be locked. If a key has been borrowed from the Rec for Courts 4 and 5 the key must be returned. [April 2009]

15. General

15.1 A copy of the rules and regulations should be issued to every member and to each new member thereafter. [January 1992]

16. Membership categories

16.1 Definition of a couple. It was agreed that couples living together could be allowed to pay the same subscriptions as a married couple. [January 1992]