

Oxford University Tennis Club



Information for New Senior Members

Welcome to the Oxford Senior Tennis Club! This is the senior equivalent of the Oxford University Tennis Club. In practice both clubs run in tandem and you will have the opportunity to play both seniors and students. The following contains some introductory information about play on the court and ancillary matters.

BOOKING PROCEDURE

Bookings can be made in person or by telephone or on-line. A new booking sheet is put up every Monday morning for the week beginning Monday two weeks hence. During University term time members are only allowed to book one court for the “new” week on the Monday, but they can book additional courts from Tuesday onwards if there are still some available. Members are also allowed to hold one court booked in advance (entered in the Club diary) for as far in advance as they wish, but they may not book a further advance court until that one has been used.

When booking on-line, should you wish to play against an opponent where the handicap difference is 6 or greater, the professionals or prospective opponent should be contacted in advance for their agreement except when drawn in competition.

The name of each member playing should appear in the booking space. If one of the players is a non-member they should be entered as “Guest” and their court fee will be charged to the member’s account. If hire rackets are used, 1R, 2R etc. should be entered on the daily play listing sheet in the entrance hall.

If it becomes necessary to cancel a booking please give as much notice as possible. Demand to play is high, we only have one court and it is a pity when it lies idle due to late cancellations or players just not turning up. Any cancellations giving less than 48 hours notice have to be paid for in full unless the booking is re-let, and if you let your playing partner down at the last minute, you may also have to pay for an alternative opponent to be provided.

PAYMENT FOR COURT FEES

Court fees, lessons, racket hire and some drinks are paid for by the credit sheet system. A list will be posted on the notice board early in each month, stating each member’s credit or deficit amount as on the 1st of the month. It is the responsibility of Members to ensure that sufficient funds are in their account to cover these fees at all times. Should a member’s account fall into deficit and not be replenished within a week of having been asked so to do, that member will not be allowed to continue to play.

ENTRY TO THE COURT

When a professional is in attendance you can enter via the side door using the entry code.

At other times you will also need a key for the door. This can be borrowed from Merton College lodge, but **MUST** be returned as soon as your game is over so that the next players can get in. Alternatively a key can be purchased from the professionals. Please note that members are only allowed to use the Clubhouse between the hours of 8am and 11pm and play must finish at 10.35pm at the absolute latest.

COURT CONDITION

Occasionally, the court surface becomes dangerous to play upon when it “sweats” due to humidity and temperature. Please do not play if this occurs. If you are unable to play due to the court sweating, please advise the professionals who will ensure that you are not charged.

VALUABLES & SECURITY

You are advised not to leave anything of value in the changing rooms, clubroom or even on the benches next to the court. Please do not let visitors into the court. If someone you don’t know claims to be a member, please check their name on the handicap list before letting them in. The last players each day are asked to turn off all lights and to make sure that the door into the back of the dedans and the side door are secured as they leave.

PARKING

Please note that parking outside the Pro’s shop is strictly forbidden.

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