

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR DRIFFIELD LAWN TENNIS CLUB

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Membership of Driffield Lawn Tennis Club is offered on the following terms and conditions which individuals need to agree to as part of their membership application process or when using the club's facilities:

1. General Opening hours

- The courts are available to be used during daylight hours.

- However, please check the Club's online booking system on ClubSpark for availability on specific days which may change due to league matches, tournaments and member events which take preference over other bookings.

2. Behaviour (members and non members using the facilities)

- Users of the Club must not do or permit any act, matter or thing which would, or might, constitute an illegal act affecting the Tennis Club which would, or might, impair in whole or in part any insurance effected in respect of the premises.
- Glass, alcohol or other intoxicating substances, smoking, spitting or dogs are not allowed on the playing areas. If a dog gains access to other areas of the Club, their owner/keeper is responsible for their behaviour, keeping them on a lead and for picking up after them should they foul anywhere on Club property.
- Users are responsible for ensuring that the behaviour and noise level does not disturb other users of the courts. Users must also dispose of any rubbish or waste materials.
- Aggressive or abusive behaviour or language to any other user of the Club, any representative of visiting clubs or any of the Club's committee members or anything that could bring the club's reputation into disrepute will not be tolerated and may result in membership being revoked and/or a ban from using facilities at the Club.

3. Court Condition

- Driffield Lawn Tennis Club is committed to making every reasonable effort to ensure the Club's courts are available for community use. However, individual users have the responsibility to ascertain whether it is safe to use the courts – factors for this include, but are not limited to, the prevailing weather conditions.
- It is the user's responsibility to ensure that all those involved in playing tennis are made aware of the fact that they do so in all respects at their own risk.
- Before commencing play, please ensure that you are wearing appropriate, clean footwear (we recommend changing into your tennis footwear on arrival at the Club).
- Also ensure that the court is clear of any debris such as leaves and twigs. This helps in keeping the courts in optimal condition, making the playing experience as good as possible.
- The tennis courts are only to be used for playing tennis on and the croquet lawns for playing croquet on unless specific permission is given by the Club's Committee for alternative use.

4. Safety and risk warning

- Users of the tennis courts must undertake to use the facilities in a safe and cautious manner at all times.

- It is the responsibility of each individual to make their own first aid arrangements, such as the provision of a first aid kit. There is no legal requirement for the Club to provide first aid facilities.
- Users acknowledge that by using tennis courts or croquet lawns they will be exposed to certain risks including the risk of physical injury, and that use of the tennis courts and croquet lawns is entirely at an individual's own risk
- By reading accepting these terms and conditions individuals assume the inherent risks in use of the tennis courts and croquet lawns.

5. Equipment

- Appropriate tennis shoes and kit should be worn at all times whilst on court.
- Participants should ensure footwear is clean before entering the court areas.
- It is the user's responsibility to provide their own racquets and balls (with the exception that balls will be provided during Club events).

6. Loss of Property

- The Tennis Club cannot accept responsibility for damage to, or the loss or theft of, hirer's property and effects.
- It is the responsibility of the hirer to make his/her own insurance arrangements if required.

7. Car Parking

- Cars should be parked so as to avoid obstruction at the entrance to, or exits from, the Club.
- In particular the user must ensure that access to the Club by emergency vehicles is not obstructed or delayed.
- Cars are parked at the owner's risk.

8. Complaints

- Any complaints associated with Driffield Lawn Tennis Club should be directed to the Committee via e-mail: club@driffieldltdc.co.uk

9. Booking

- Anyone using the facilities at Driffield Lawn Tennis Club, whether they have made the booking or not, must adhere to the general terms and conditions set out in this document

10. Online Booking System

- All bookings, from both members and non-members, must be made through the Club's online booking system on ClubSpark. This applies whether there is a charge associated with the booking or not.
- Club bookings take preference over other bookings.

11. Charges & Booking Restrictions

- Charges for court use by non-members are set by the Committee and are subject to change. Please see the Club's website for the latest charges.

- Any restrictions on how many bookings can be made during a set period and how far in advance bookings can be made are available on the Club's website.
- Whilst it is the intention of Driffield Lawn Tennis Club to make the facilities open to as many people as possible, the Committee reserves the right to reject or cancel any booking should it feel there is good reason to do so. An explanation will be given should this circumstance arise.
- Bookings are subject to fair use. If any individual or group of individuals are making excessive number of bookings restrictions may be imposed.
- Block booking of courts, except for coaching or league matches, is not permitted.

12. Membership

- Application for Membership can be made via ClubSpark.
- The Club's Committee reserves the right to reject a membership application if they have a suitable reason to do so. An explanation would be given in this instance.
- Furthermore, the Club's Committee reserves the right to cancel membership without any notice or refund should a member be found in breach of any of the terms and conditions outlined within this document.

13. Membership Year

- Driffield Lawn Tennis Club's membership year runs from 1st April to 31st March.
- New members wishing to join the Club part way through a membership period, can take out a 'flexible start date' membership package which means annual membership will run from the day joined. This does not apply to existing members who have been on a fixed annual membership and whose membership has lapsed.

14. Membership Types & Criteria

Currently the membership options available are:

1. Adult tennis: Anyone over 25 years of age
2. Young adult tennis : 18 to 25 years of age
3. Family tennis: For two parents/guardians and two children with access to all facilities except the adults cannot play in league teams unless the adult membership fee is paid.
4. Junior tennis: 4 to 17 years of age as of the 1st April preceding the date of application
5. Croquet: full membership to play croquet with additional access to tennis facilities

6. Associate Croquet: for croquet only play when someone is already a member of another croquet club. Such members will not be eligible to attend or vote at AGMs.

15. Membership Subscriptions

- Current membership subscription charges can be found on the Club website/ClubSpark.

16. Payment

- Membership subscriptions are payable in full upfront at the start of the season or the date on which someone joins if a new member joins on a flexible start date package.
- Payments for all membership types can be made online using credit/debit cards or via BACS to the Club account. Other methods of payment may be available on request.
- If membership fees are not paid during the grace period from expiry the membership will be deemed to have lapsed. If this happens the non paying individual will be informed either verbally or in writing that their membership is revoked and they will have no access to club facilities.

17. Member Benefits

Members currently benefit from:

- Free use of the courts for private games (all participants are required to be members)

- Advance booking period compared to non-members
- Option to join Club events such as regular open club sessions and tournaments
- Opportunity to play for the Club's various league teams if a full adult member
- Option to join coaching sessions at special member rates

18. Junior Membership

- There is the possibility to join junior coaching programmes at special rates for club members (extra for non members).
- Membership applications for anyone aged under 18 must be made on their behalf by a parent/guardian.
- By applying for membership, the parent/guardian agrees for the child named in the application to take part in the general activities of the Club.
- Parents/guardians are responsible for informing the Club of any special care needs, dietary requirements, allergies or medical conditions that could affect their child's safety at the club.
- Please note: children under the age of 14 cannot use the facilities at the Club unsupervised.

19. Coaching

- Professional coaching on the tennis courts may only be undertaken by club coaches or by approved persons who have the prior, written agreement of the Club.
- Coaching is undertaken by Carl Hazel for junior tennis, James Andreotti for Adult group tennis and Chris Atkinson for croquet. Any agreement is made directly with these coaches and not with the Club.

20. Disclosure Barring Services (DBS)

- Driffield Lawn Tennis Club's tennis coaching staff have DBS clearance, the Club also has a Welfare & Safeguarding Officers who are not members of the coaching team.
- The Tennis Club is accredited with the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA).

21. Liability

- To the fullest extent permitted by law, individual members agree to release and discharge the Club and its directors, officers, volunteers and agents from all liability in respect of any loss or damage that may be suffered from use of the tennis courts or facilities.