

ELM PARK GOLF AND SPORTS CLUB CLG

TENNIS CLUB BYELAWS



REGULATIONS COVERING THE USE OF COURTS

1. Court Priorities

1.1. Competitions – Priority for court bookings will be league inter-club matches, club matches, competitions, tournaments, organised social events. A member of the committee or other authorised person will block book the courts upon confirmation of dates. Only the events listed above can be pre-booked outside of the 14-day window. In the event of rescheduled matches priority will be given to these matches.

1.2. Courts Full - If all available courts are occupied and members are waiting to play the following rules shall apply:

1.2.2 Friendly games - Members playing a friendly game must vacate the court for waiting members if they have been playing for more than 60 minutes. The 60 minutes run from the time the court was booked. Members involved in a challenge match (which includes league, inter-club matches, club matches, competitions, tournaments, organised social event) are permitted to complete the match even if others are waiting for courts. Members playing a singles game may invite those waiting to join in a doubles game but there is no compulsion on either group to do so.

1.3 Visitors - The rules set out above for friendly matches regarding vacation of courts apply where members are waiting to play with a visitor. Once a fee is paid and play commences with the visitor, the players are entitled to 60 minutes unbroken play.

1.4 A member who books a court is entitled to use that court for that period. This entitlement lapses if play is not commenced within 10 minutes of the start of the booked period and the court is then available to any members for that period. When the booking period has elapsed the court should be vacated.

1.5 Coaching - The rules set out above for friendly matches regarding vacation of courts apply also where a club-approved coach intends to coach on a court. Once coaching has commenced, the coach is entitled to 60 minutes unbroken court use from the time the court was booked.

1.6 Court Bookings - Court booking is through the online court booking system and is permitted at any time. The online court booking system is in operation all year round and the system is accessed through the Club's website. Telephone bookings for play can be made through the caddy master. Telephone bookings for play can be made through the caddy master. Members may book tennis courts up to 14 days prior.

Booking for consecutive periods by the same players is not permitted.

- 2 Junior Members** - Junior members should have reasonable access to the courts and should be encouraged to participate in club tournaments and organized events.

Junior members under 12 years of age cannot play tennis on Dome courts 4 and 5 unless supervised at all times by an adult.

Junior members 12 years of age and over can play tennis on Dome courts 4 and 5 without adult supervision.

Eligible juniors have access to play tennis in Dome courts 4 and 5 on the same basis as adult members up to 7 pm and after 2.00 on Sunday

Juniors have access to all courts on the same basis as adult members, except on Sundays up to 2 pm when adult members shall have priority.

- 3 Court No.1** -- If no other court is available a member practising against the wall of Court No. 1 must cede the court for singles or doubles play.
- 4 Clay Courts** – Artificial clay tennis courts require after play drag brushing and line brushing. As a courtesy to other players, following play members **must** use the brushes provided to carry out this activity. This will ensure optimum conditions for all members playing on the artificial clay courts.
- 5 Club Tournaments and Championships** - All members are encouraged to participate in such events organized by the Committee. Advance notice of events and the entry fees will be display on the notice board and notified by email to all members. Entries for events must include the appropriate entry fee. Non-payment of the fee at time of entry will lead to disqualification from the event.

To participate in Club championships a player must have attained the age of 14 years by 31st December in the year preceding the competition.

6 Visitors

6.1 Visiting Teams - Teams or players from other Clubs or institutions (not engaged in official league matches or competitions) may only have the use of the courts with the permission of the Committee or a Committee member. The convenience of members shall be considered in granting such permission. Requests for use of the courts by outside institutions/individuals which are received by the office must be passed on to the Committee.

6.2 Introducing Visitors - Up to three visitors may be introduced to play on one court by a member. It is the responsibility of the member to ensure that green fees are paid before play commences. Members are requested to restrict invitations to guests to off-peak periods.

Visitors, in the company of a member, are entitled to use the clubhouse facilities for the day.

Members introducing guests are responsible under Club rules and these byelaws for the conduct and behaviour of visitors introduced by them.

- 7 Tennis Apparel** - Players must wear appropriate tennis sportswear at all times. Appropriate tennis shoes should be worn on court.

From May through September players must wear predominately white only clothing when playing on the grass courts.

- 8 Acceptable Behaviour** - Our vision for Elm Park is for it to be a special place, combining excellent facilities with a unique, welcoming and inclusive atmosphere for serious and not so serious, sport and socializing. This atmosphere is the result of the friendly and respectful manner in which all members, employees and visitors interact with one another. These interactions are characterized by good manners, sportsmanship and a conscious consideration of others, on and off the court.

Members, employees or visitors who feel they have been the victim of unacceptable behavior within the club may bring the matter to the attention of the Tennis Committee. The Tennis Committee will investigate the matter in confidence and take appropriate disciplinary action in line with the Tennis Club byelaws and the constitution of Elm Park Golf and Sports Club.

- 9 Coaching** - A coach must have Tennis Committee approval to coach in the club. All coaches must be approved yearly by the Tennis Committee and must supply up to date Child Protection Certificates and Garda Vetting to the club prior to coaching in the club.

A coach has the same court rights as a member. Coaches are responsible for ensuring that visitors' green fees are paid to the Club before the session commences. The allocation of courts for coaching shall be agreed by the Committee. A maximum of four courts can be booked for coaching activities at any time. The Tennis committee reserves the right to allocate certain hours on all courts for the Junior Coaching programme.

10 Child Protection Policy

All members must adhere to the Clubs Child Protection guidelines and practices outlining the the Clubs Junior/Student Child Protection Policy.

11 General

The committee may from time to time temporarily alter, amend or suspend any or all of these Bye-Laws or may make additional regulations for the purpose of staging, organizing or managing Club competitions, open tournaments or other such events.

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