

Cheadle Kingsway Tennis Club: Rules & Priorities on Court Usage

The following rules may be referred to and augmented by other sections in the Handbook or Website, and can be changed throughout the year, but only by authorisation of the Tennis Committee – please watch the notice boards or Website for any such changes.

1. PLAYING TIMES

All courts are available, from 8am to 10pm, subject to weather conditions. The grounds staff may close any court at their discretion, and all players must give way to grounds staff carrying out their duties.

2. COURT PRIORITIES

The following list of priorities is in order of on Court Availability and Court Booking. Generally, the high priority events (2.1 to 2.5) will be pre-booked before the booking sheets are posted.

2.1 Authorised matches involving teams from other Clubs.

NOTE: During the summer, each N.E. Cheshire League match will be booked on three adjacent courts. In the unlikely event of one of the allocated courts being un-playable, court 3 may be used (even if pre-booked) in order to fulfil a fixture.

2.2 Coaching by the Head Coach (Russell Lawrence) or by another Coach only with prior arrangement of the Head Coach.

2.3 Tournaments – according to the agreed court allocation for that tournament, (see the Court Booking sheets for details).

2.4 Other Pre-Booked Courts – these include Official Match Practices, Junior Club Nights (Friday evenings), and Senior Club Nights (Thursday evenings), Lacrosse training (Sept – Easter - Mon Tue Wed) Kingsway School.

2.5 Junior Priority – Throughout the year courts will be set aside as Junior Priority; courts and times will be clearly shown on the Court Booking sheets. On such courts seniors are to give way immediately to any Junior member waiting to play. These courts are bookable by any Junior member for a pre-arranged box league match, club tournament match or LTA ratings match.

2.6 Senior Members. Can play on any court previously booked by that member. Juniors must only give way to Seniors after 7pm on weekdays and before 5pm on weekends and Bank Holidays.

2.7 After making a booking, should the bookee not require the court, they are responsible for clearing the booking – bring Tippex, or small white sticker.

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3. COURT AVAILABILITY

- 3.1 Bookable Courts are courts that are available for booking on the booking sheets, by writing your name in relevant boxes subject to any of the restrictions detailed in Section 2.
- 3.2 The Coaching Court may not be booked. Members may use it, but must give way if the court is required for coaching by an approved Club Coach.
- 3.3 Senior League Matches are played on either courts 4 - 6, or courts 1 - 3 and these will be booked in advance. Every effort will be made by the team players to maintain play on the pre-booked courts; however:
- If **one** of these courts is deemed unfit for play by either the team captain or the ground staff then Court 3 may be used to complete the fixture. Any prior bookings on the required court will regrettably be forfeited.
- If **two or more** courts are unfit for play then the fixture must be rearranged, unless agreed with the Tennis Committee.
- 3.4 Inter-club Matches, Tournaments and Special Events will be booked before the booking sheets are put up.
- 3.5 Courts that are identified as Mix-in are *not bookable* and the Mix-In Rule applies. The Mix-In Rule means players play a short set (i.e. first to six games), then give way or mix-in with any players waiting.
- 3.6 A notice displaying the current Court Priorities and any regular Court Commitments will be displayed on the Club Notice Board, alongside the Court Booking Sheets.
- 3.7 Any contravention of the above should be brought to the attention of the Tennis Committee immediately.

4. COURT BOOKING

- 4.1 If a booked court has not been taken up, after five minutes, by at least two members of the 'booking party', then the booking no longer stands and the court becomes **available**.
- 4.2 An **available** court is usable on a walk on first-come-first-served basis for the remainder of that half hour period, subject to priorities detailed in Section 2.
- 4.3 **Senior members only may book courts.** (See 1.5 for exception). Courts may only be booked for use by the individual making the booking.
- 4.4 A member cannot book or be booked to play for more than two hours consecutively.
- 4.5 If there is a **booking queue**: each person in the queue may only book one court for up to two hours, and may not book any more court time without first moving to the back of the queue. This rule is to be enforced by those in the queue.

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4.6 Booking sheets will be posted in the clubhouse (on Monday and Thursday evenings), with booking procedures displayed alongside. Any changes to the above rules will be displayed in the clubhouse.

5. VISITORS

5.1 Any playing visitor's name must be entered in the Visitor's Book before playing by the introducing member. Any member who contravenes this rule will be liable to a fine (i.e. double fee), or possible suspension of membership.

5.2 Visitor's Fees will be collected from the introducing member regularly, and failure to pay will lead to suspension of membership.

5.3 Arrangements can be made for groups of visitors, particularly any who are prospective members, to use the facilities, but only with prior authority from the Tennis Committee.

5.4 Members who introduce visitors are responsible for ensuring that they follow club rules. No visitor may be introduced more than five times in the year.

6. TENNIS DRESS

Only clothing specifically designed for tennis may be worn for play on any of the courts.

Only "tennis shoes" may be worn on court, i.e. **no Ribbed running shoes** are to be worn.

7. SHOE TAGS

Shoe tags are issued to all members to help identify the member from the non-member.

Members must display their shoe tags on their tennis shoes when using the court facilities. Failure to do so may be penalised by the member having to pay a visitor's fee or even being asked to leave the court.