

Estcots Tennis Club

Information for new members

How to access the club house and the courts

The main entrance to the club is secured by a combination lock. If you have not been supplied with the current code please request it from the Secretary or any other Committee Member. The code, which will be changed approximately once a year, should not be divulged to non-members. **The last member to leave the club area should secure the lock and ensure that the numbers are tumbled.**

A key to the padlock securing the club house will be hired to members for a fee of £5, which is returnable on receipt of the key when a member resigns from the club.

The key to the gate to No. 1 court hangs in the club house on the hooks to the right/above the door (as you face the courts from inside the club house). Please ensure it is returned after use. **Court 2** is normally accessed through the same gate, but there is also a separate gate to Court 2 secured by a combination lock, which can be opened from inside or outside the court. The code is issued to members.

Toilets

The club holds a key to the disabled toilet located in the car park. Please ensure its return after use.

Nets

Handles to wind up the nets are also on the hooks in the club house. Please wind down the nets after play and return the handle or handles to the club house. A third handle is usually left on court for the juniors (with a note). A metal measure set to the proper net height is kept in the club house and should be returned after use.

Club Time

On Wednesday and Friday there will be one or two rota members on duty to make sure everyone gets a game and to take responsibility for issuing new tennis balls. If there are players waiting to go on court we play shortened sets of five/seven games, and then mix in anyone waiting in the club house. Official club times are:

Wednesday evening from 6pm

Friday evening from 6pm

Tuesday morning from 9am

Thursday morning from 9am

NB Morning sessions are prearranged. All are welcome but please contact Elizabeth if you would like to be included.

Tennis balls

Balls are provided by the club for official club times through the summer season only. New balls may only be issued and signed out by a committee member. Used balls are kept in the club house for members to use at other times. Once they have outlived their usefulness for club play they are put in the coaching bucket for you to use when you practice! (The treasurer buys a quantity of new balls at the beginning of each season and if you wish to purchase your own then let him know so that he can pass on a good discount)

Suitable footwear

Please ensure that tennis or white soled shoes are worn on court so that the newly re-surfaced courts are not damaged by residual scuffing from black or coloured soles.

Coaching

Please keep an eye on the club house Notice Board for possible coaching opportunities.

Visitors

Members (including Juniors) may bring a visitor to play subject to the following conditions:-

- each separate visitor may not exceed three visits in a season. Club membership is available if anyone wants to play more regularly.
- each visit must be recorded in the Visitors book
- a fee of £2 per visit should be placed in the cash box in the club house or handed directly to the club Treasurer or any other committee member.

Juniors

Please be aware that Juniors under the age of 16 should be accompanied by a responsible adult such as a parent. This is to comply with our insurance as part of our affiliation with the Lawn Tennis Association.