



Rules, Regulations and By-Laws

Seacourt Tennis Club Limited

The Club is a proprietary club, the proprietor of which (subject to these Rules and Regulations) is **SEACOURT TENNIS CLUB LIMITED**

The proprietor will provide the Club with suitable premises in Victoria Avenue, Hayling Island, and everything reasonably necessary for carrying on the activities of the Club in accordance with its Aims and Objectives and these Rules.

Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the Club will be to:

- Uphold the Seacourt Charter - *This can be found at the end of this document. It is also in the staff handbook*
- Preserve and encouraging the playing of racquet sports, by offering coaching and competitive opportunities in Real Tennis, Rackets, Squash Rackets, Lawn Tennis, Badminton, Racquetball, Table Tennis, Padel Tennis, Sticke Tennis, Touch Tennis and Pickleball.
- Lend support to other Sporting and Fitness activities including, but not limited to Fencing, Karate, Circuit Training, Petanque, Yoga, Pilates, Tai Chi, Ballet & Dance, Golf and CrossFit.
- Promote the Club within the local community.
- Manage the Club and provide court facilities in a top playing condition for future generations.
- Ensure a duty of care to all members of the Club.
- Provide a Bar and Catering service under the applicable licence provisions.
- Provide all its services in a way that is fair to everyone.

Membership

- a) Membership of the Club is open to anyone interested in participating in Court Games or other aforementioned activities, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs.

- b) The membership shall consist of the following categories:
- **Full Sports** - Allows access to all racquet sports and the gym (subject to a gym induction) and includes discounts with Club card for courts fees and all beverages sold at the bar. Members' children under 18 included.
 - **Non-sports** - Use of Club social areas and discounts with Club card on bar. This excludes discount on court fees if sports bookings are made.
 - **Young adult - 18-24 years old**. Allows access to all racquet sports and the gym (subject to a gym induction) and includes discounts with Club card for court fees and all beverages sold at the bar.
 - **Junior - Up to 18 years old**. For juniors who do not have a sports member parent and for juniors of country members. Excludes Club card but includes discounts.
 - **Country/Overseas** - For members who reside 30 or more miles away. Allows access to all racquet sports and the gym (subject to a gym induction) and includes discounts with Club card for courts fees and all beverages sold at the bar.
- c) Members in each category will pay membership fees promptly to the Club preferably by direct debit and preferably on a monthly basis.

If the subscription of any member shall be unpaid for one month after the day upon which it is due, the Board may at their absolute discretion, treat the member concerned as ceasing to be a member of the Club, whereupon they shall be deemed to have resigned.

- d) Individuals shall be eligible to take part in the sporting activities at the Club and be eligible for selection of any Club team, assuming that the applicable membership subscription has been paid by the due date and/or membership has been agreed by the Board and that affiliation to any necessary National Association is current.
- e) The Proprietor may expel from the Club any member whose conduct is such as shall in the opinion of the Proprietor be injurious to the character and interests of the Club or render the member unfit to associate with the members of the Club. In this case the Complaints and Disciplinary Policy will be followed. Before being so expelled, the member shall have the right to be heard and state his/her case before the nominated disciplinary panel. A member expelled shall forfeit all privileges of membership and all rights against the Proprietor.
- f) The Club shall open at such times as may reasonably be required by the members at the discretion of the Proprietor.

The permitted hours during which intoxicating liquor may be supplied in the Club premises shall be the general licensing hours for the time being in force in the licensing district in which the Club premises are situated (including such hours as any special order of

exemption) or such other hours as may be authorised under the Licensing Act 2003 or any statutory modification thereof for the time being in force.

- g) The proprietor reserves the right to close the Club if the attendances do not warrant keeping it open.
- h) All members of the Club shall abide by these Rules and Codes of Conduct that the Club has adopted.
- i) These Rules may be revoked, added to or amended by the Proprietor with the sanction of the Board.

By-Laws

1. No bicycles or scooters or skateboards may be ridden anywhere on the premises beyond the car park
2. No member or guest shall change clothing for sports or other activities other than in the formal changing rooms.
3. Dogs may be brought into the Club at the discretion of management but must be kept on a lead and under the control of a responsible adult at all times.
4. Children under twelve years of age are not permitted in the Club premises unaccompanied, except as authorised by the Board for the express purpose of receiving instruction. - See Junior Code of Conduct.
5. The parking of members' cars must be orderly and as directed and in the Club carpark when space is available.
6. Members must refrain at all times from making undue noise when leaving the Club premises to the disturbance of the neighbouring locality.
7. The courts may be used by members, non-members who book in advance to play.
8. Any complaints against a member of the staff shall not be a matter of personal reprimand but shall be reported to the nominated officer of the Club.
9. The staff are authorised to use their discretion in refusing to supply intoxicants to any member or guest.
10. No member shall use the courts unless properly attired as defined by National Associations and wearing the correct non-marking footwear.
11. Lawn tennis shall only be played between 9am and 10pm in accordance with Havant Borough Council planning consent for the courts.
12. The property of members found on the premises and bearing no identification as to the owner must be claimed within one month, failing which the Proprietor shall be authorised to dispose of the same in its absolute discretion.
13. The Proprietor cannot accept any claim for loss of belongings or valuables on Club premises and cannot take responsibility for items left for collection by others.

The Seacourt Charter

We, the shareholders of Seacourt Tennis Club Limited, wish to affirm that we have invested in the company with the sole aim of preserving and encouraging the playing of the court games of Real Tennis, Rackets, Squash Rackets, Lawn Tennis and Badminton through affordable membership of the Seacourt Tennis Club. We further confirm our commitment to maintaining these court facilities in top playing condition to ensure these games will be preserved for future generations.

We will lend support to other sporting and fitness activities that are deemed desirable and will enhance the club, provided they are not to the detriment of the above core games. We further encourage fellowship between all players and supporters through the provision of genial club rooms with suitable refreshment facilities.

However, all activities outside the first paragraph above shall be considered peripheral and subservient to the core activity and any ancillary enterprise will be required to make a rewarding financial and social contribution towards the club's wellbeing and future. We call on all Directors, Employees and members to embrace and observe these principles when determining club policy.