



## Family Club – Welcome to the Avenue Tennis Club

The Avenue Tennis Club is a small family friendly members club. We run a comprehensive junior and adult coaching and social programme. There is something for everyone irrespective of ability and age from tots to teens, rusty racquets to performance squads and team training.

The **Junior coaching programme** runs every afternoon after school, Saturday morning and Sunday evening. The squads range from tots to teens, beginners to performance

The club runs **Team Training** in September, October, February, March, April & May when the teams can train together in their squads. We run 3 ladies' teams, 1 men's team, 1 mixed team in winter and 10 junior teams

We run a **Social mix & match session every Saturday at 15.00** for members of all standards and abilities to attend without having to arrange a partner. Members can just turn up and be guaranteed a hit at 3pm

All 3 adult courts are available on Saturday afternoons for adult 'social play'. This is the period between 3pm & 5pm in the winter months of October, November, December, January, February, March and 3pm & 6pm in the summer months of April, May, June, July, August & September

During 'social play', members are invited to come to the club, and mix in with others on a friendly ad hoc basis, as opposed to fixing games and matches with friends.

Juniors with 'adult playing status' (APS) can play on Saturday afternoon at the times mentioned above but they must be prepared to mix in with the other adults. APS does not only relate to the standard of play of the junior, it is also concerned with the court etiquette demonstrated by the junior and can only be granted by the Head Coach, Sally Bentley. If Juniors wish to play amongst themselves, they are not permitted to do so on a Saturday afternoon until 4.30 and ONLY if there are no adults playing nor waiting.

### **Sundays all the courts are available up until 13.00**

On Sunday morning, up until 1pm, all the courts are free for all members to come and play with their friends in pre-arranged 'fours' or 'pairs'. If there are members waiting, players are expected to finish their game and make way for others after 90 minutes of play. The club asks that everyone is respectful of this '90 minutes' rule. If there are members waiting to play, all courts should adopt doubles play – playing singles is not permitted during busy periods if others are waiting to play. Internal club singles matches present an exception to this rule

**Sunday afternoon there is always ONE court free for the members**, but 2 courts are always available for coaching, and coaching takes priority, as there is no coaching permitted on Saturday afternoon nor Sunday morning

We have 3 **adult coached drop in sessions a week** during term time. Pay as you go basis. No need to book – just turn up

- Tuesday – 10.00 – 11.00 - £8
- Tuesday – 19.30 – 21.00 - £10 (£11 in winter to include the lights)
- Friday – 14.00 – 15.00 - £8

### **Floodlights**

All 3 courts are floodlit, and the lights cost £6 an hour. You can get tokens from the coaches and committee. The meters are behind the kitchen next to the big fridge. When the lights are 5 minutes from the end of the hour, you will get a coloured warning light on the court. If you do not feed the metre during these minutes the lights will take 15 minutes to relight, so if you are planning on playing for more than one hour, remember to feed the meter in time

### **Shoes**

Flat soled tennis shoes are the ONLY shoes allowed on the courts which are new and need to be respected due to the high cost of maintenance

### **Keys**

Are available for all members for a refundable £15 deposit. Ask a coach or committee member. Juniors under 14 years old are not allowed on the premises unaccompanied by an adult

### **Wimbledon Ballot**

As a member of the Avenue Tennis Club, you are entitled to go into our Wimbledon Ballot, but you must have a British Tennis Membership and you MUST 'opt in' via the LTA if you wish to go into the draw. Call LTA 0208 287 7000 for more information

### **Court Time Table**

Is on the home page of the website – here you can see when courts are available. This is best used in conjunction with the club calendar, also on the website

### **Club League Matches**

**Adult** matches are held on Monday and Wednesday evenings. In the winter, only 2 courts are required and play starts at 19.00. In the Summer, all 3 courts are used, and play starts at 18.30.

**Junior** matches are played on Sunday afternoons from 13.00 – 17.00 during April, May & June, but not every weekend.

All matches are registered on the club's website calendar

The Committee  
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