

EALING LAWN TENNIS CLUB

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Junior Membership

Introduction

Ealing Lawn Tennis Club welcomes junior tennis players. We have one of the best junior development programmes in the country, led by LTA qualified coach, George Matheou. Juniors (from 6 to 18 years old) can participate in this programme without becoming members of the club. However, joining the club offers additional distinct advantages.

Why Become a Member of Ealing Lawn Tennis Club?

It's very important that juniors give themselves the chance to practise what they have learned in the coaching sessions. When you become a club member you can (at designated times) play for no charge on the 3 dome courts, the 8 grass courts and the 4 all-weather courts. The club runs one of the largest annual club tournaments in the country in June/July - for juniors and seniors. If you are 15 or over, you will be eligible to enter any of the Senior Open and Handicap events. (Exceptionally, juniors aged 12 to 14 may enter the Senior Tournament, at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.) The club runs 5 teams in the National Junior Club League. We also run 7 Men's teams and 4 Ladies' teams in the Middlesex League. Only club members are eligible to play for these teams. The club also participates in The Road to Wimbledon Under 14s Singles Tournament every year - which again is open to entry to all Under 14 club members. In the winter the club has one of the UK's largest Winter Singles tournaments - running from October to April. Juniors can enter this tournament - but they must be club members.

What Does Club Membership Cost?

Membership is on a yearly basis. The tennis year runs from April to March. If you join during the year, you pay only a proportion of the subscription fee. However, where there is a Joining Fee, this is paid once only in your first year, irrespective of when you join. When you join, you will receive a membership card which you must have with you whenever you visit the club. Failure to produce the card when asked by an ELTC Management Committee member may result in your being asked to leave the club.

The current membership rates are:

13 and Under: £50 per year (no Joining Fee)

14-18: £20 Joining Fee and £80 per year

When Can I Play and What Rights Do I Have as a Club Member?

We divide the year into two distinct periods. The so-called Summer season runs from when the grass courts are open for play (this depends on the weather, but it's normally in May) to when we close them (normally in September). The other period is the rest of the year - typically October to April.

- Juniors have equal court booking rights on grass courts with seniors up to and including 5.30pm on weekdays and 12.30pm at weekends (i.e. the last booking can be made at these times) and at all times on all-weather courts when not less than four grass courts are available for social play.
- A junior playing singles with a senior is considered to be playing in a senior singles
- 1 or 2 juniors playing doubles with seniors is considered a senior doubles

- Junior members may not use match courts save when representing ELTC in a club match, or when deemed a senior singles or a senior four
- In the dome juniors have equal booking rights to seniors
- Juniors may only bring one visitor at a time
- Juniors 12 years and under must be accompanied by a parent/responsible senior at all times
- The main Club rules on the notice board apply at all times

Junior Club Period

On Saturdays junior club members can play between 11.00am and 12.30pm on the three courts in the dome and on the block of three all-weather courts.

When Do I Have To Pay a Court Fee?

At all times there are no court fees payable for playing on the outdoor courts. During the Summer season, playing in the dome is free. Most of the time from mid-September through to April, you have to pay to play in the dome. The current court charges are displayed in the clubhouse and on the club Web site (www.ealingtennis.com). Playing in the dome is free during club free play periods (12.00pm to 5.45pm, Saturday and Sunday).

How Do I Book a Court?

Only club members can book a court. During Summer and Winter club free play periods, when you and your fellow players have changed and are ready for play and it's your turn in the queue, you put your name and the number of players participating on the booking pad by the main door of the clubhouse. In the Summer season booking periods are 45 minutes on all courts.

When booking dome courts in the Winter where there is a fee involved, you can book in advance, or at the time of playing, on the large format dome court booking sheets to the left of the bar. Payment must be made at or before the time of booking. This can be in cash when the bar is open or by cheque in one of the envelopes provided to be posted in the box built into the bar.

Court Availability

Each month a Court Availability Schedule is displayed by the main door of the clubhouse and on the Web site. This schedule indicates when courts are pre-booked for external matches, coaching, junior development, team practices and internal and external tournaments.

Playing in the Dome

Juniors 12 and under are not allowed in the dome unless accompanied by a parent, a coach or a club member aged 15 or over. All juniors can purchase dome entry cards. Only club members can purchase and own dome entry cards. It costs £10 to purchase a dome entry card. If you want one, contact George Matheou (see below).

How Do I Join The Club?

Contact George Matheou at the club or on 07974 094 923. Alternatively, you can call the club on 020 8992 0370.

