

# **INTRODUCTION TO ELTC**

## Welcome to Ealing Lawn Tennis Club!

# This guide will help you understand how things run at the club & how to get the best out of your membership.

# **GETTING STARTED – BOOKING AND PLAYING**

Except for coaching only categories (A and J4), you will be entitled, once you have paid your subscription, to book selected courts from 12:00 up to 7 days in advance using our online booking system - MyCourts. You will be sent your login details and you can then buy credit online. Once you are in credit you can use your PC, laptop or smartphone to book selected courts. There is also a touch screen in the lobby. Coaching only members, who can only play in coaching lessons, have their courts booked for them by their coach.

## **COURT USAGE POLICY**

You can find our Court Usage Policy on the website, displayed in the lobby and at the link below. It will explain the rules around who can book and when. And is particularly important for restricted memberships. Link: <u>www.ealingtennis.com/policies-and-rules</u>

## **OUR COURTS**

We have six grass courts (G1-6) which are open from around mid-May to the end of September, three tarmac (T1-3) next to the car park, three floodlit artificial clay in front of the club house (C1-3) and three indoor tarmac (D1-3). We also have two mini courts (M1-2).

### **NEW MEMBERS – INTEGRATING INTO THE CLUB**

Please visit our 'Members map – playing opportunities at ELTC' where you will see the various opportunities at the Club based on your playing level (see the 'new members' page on the Club's website: <u>www.ealingtennis.com/newmembers</u>) The best way to integrate and feel a part of the Club is our Wednesday evening social mix-in. New and existing members (over 18) are welcome to join from 18:00 and will be set up by the event organiser (Janice) into doubles. You will mix in through the evening and it is a great opportunity to meet other members and see the Club in action. It costs £3 (winter) and £1 (summer) to take part. We often have volunteer chefs to serve food at around 8pm, for a further £5. Hopefully, you will then be able to organise a game with somebody of a similar standard outside of the Wednesday evening...

### COACHING

There is a variety of Coaching opportunities at ELTC. With a passionate, experienced and driven coaching team to deliver the ELTC Coaching Programme. All coaches are LTA accredited, DBS checked and are in agreement with the Club. We have 'regular (senior) coaches' who are present at The Club day-in-day-out and week-in-week-out. There are a number of 'hitting (junior) coaches' who assist group coaching programmes and provide one-on-one sessions. You may see a small number of 'visiting coaches' who work with a few of our junior players on and ad-hoc basis.

Our 'coaching and organised tennis weekly schedule' gives you a good idea of what is available and who to contact (see the 'new members' page on the Club's website: <u>www.ealingtennis.com/newmembers</u>)

Coaching can only take place within the restricted times or if there is a regular booking slot made by the Club



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# COURT BOOKING FEES AND PLAYING IN THE DOME

When booking through the summer (April-September inclusive) there are no court booking fees. When booking through the winter (October-March inclusive) court bookings at certain times incur some nominal fees. You can put yourself forward to reserve a 10-week dome block booking through the winter in the midweek evenings.

## **GUESTS**

Members can invite non-members as guests to play at ELTC up to three times in a membership year. It costs  $\pm 2.50$  per 30-minute booking slot for adults and  $\pm 1.50$  per 30-minute booking slot for juniors. If paid after-play or for a full-days play it costs  $\pm 12$  and  $\pm 8$  respectively.

- The guest needs to be registered and paid for on the MyCourts booking system:
  - 1. Login to your MyCourts members area
  - 2. Book a court and press 'select opponent(s)'
  - 3. Under 'select partner/opponent' choose the appropriate guest fee
  - 4. Your balance will automatically be debited £2.50 (adults) and £1.50 (juniors) for each 30-minute slot
  - 5. Ensure you select all playing slots for your session
  - If you are registering and paying for a Guest Fee retrospectively or for a guest using the paper booking system:
  - 1. Login to your MyCourts members area
  - 2. Select 'transfer credit' on the left-hand side panel
  - 3. Under 'select member to transfer credit' choose 'guest fee paid after'
  - 4. Input the appropriate fee into the 'amount to transfer'
  - 5. Include the guest name under 'memo' and press 'submit'

# TOURNAMENTS & SOCIAL

There are various competitive and social opportunities throughout the year. The flagship event in the summer is our Annual Club Tournament, which has a range of events. The Finals Day in July has a great social atmosphere and all club members welcome. We also offer ladder competitions and a Winter Singles League that keeps members competitive all year around. Our bank holiday tournaments are fun social events and keep your eye out for other organised events. For the more experienced club players, we have various team matches competing in Middlesex leagues and regionally. Players in these teams can practice through the winter on Sunday evenings from 6pm.

### **RACKET RE-STRINGS**

If you need your rackets restrung you might want to contact Bob or Gham. Bob Dent – bob.dent@ntlworld.com Gham Patel - ghampatel23@googlemail.com

### HOW THE CLUB IS RUN

We are a members' club, which is run by the Chairman, a Management Committee, Club Manager and a Groundsman. As well as these more formal roles, the club has a volunteer culture where members will get involved with bar shifts, team dinners, organised tennis and more.

Any member can stand for election at our AGM which is held every October.

### We hope you enjoy your membership at the Club!