TENNIS BYELAWS – (July2026)

1. **Responsibility**
   All players, members and visitors play at their own risk. It is each players responsibility to assess whether it is safe to go on court and to take care on and around the grounds (for example, in inclement or icy conditions).
2. **Courts** The following have precedence concerning choice and use of courts:
   - The Club's Open LTA Tournaments.
   - Tournaments, junior events and parties as listed in the Events Diary.
   - Members of Club teams and visiting teams taking part in official matches.
   - Club Sessions on their designated days.
   - Coaching has priority on Court 7 and Court 6 at pre-arranged times, and court 4 in place of court 6 in the winter evenings.
3. **Booking and Use of Courts**
   - Play may be booked via the ClubSpark system.
   - Courts are unavailable for use before 8.00am and after 9.30pm, except for league matches, where the time is extended until 10:00pm.
   - Floodlight use is between 3.30pm and 9.30pm, or 10.00pm for league matches.
   - Doubles and Singles may be booked for a period no longer than one and a half hours and the ball machine for an hour, please remember to pay for the ball machine through ClubSpark.
   - The Rebo Wall may be booked in 30-minute blocks between 9.00am – 6.00pm and not on a Sunday. Please use the club provided orange balls.
   - Members should not book courts 'back-to-back' under the same name.
   - Members should 'fob-in' on arrival.
   - If a member does not arrive within 15 minutes of their booked start time, the court will be made available to anyone else waiting to play.
   - When at the end of an allotted time, a court has not been further reserved, players already on that court may continue play until the court is required and booked by other members, at which time the court shall be vacated.
   - Visitors; members may introduce visitors to attend 4 times over a 12-month period to the club to play tennis, Visitors must be accompanied by and signed in by a member. The appropriate fee to be paid online via ClubSpark.
   - The Head Coach or a member of the Management Committee or Tennis Committee, shall have the authority to prohibit play on any court if in his/her opinion, the court is not in a fit condition.
4. **Coaching**
   - Coaching can only be carried out on the Club's courts by the Club's appointed coaches or with the permission of the Tennis Committee.
   - Any group coaching involving the use of more than one court must have the prior sanction of the Tennis Committee.
5. **Juniors**
   - Members aged 15 and over can book a court for a period no longer than one and a half hours or the Rebo Wall for a period of no more than one hour.
   - Members under 15 can have a court booked for them by their parent/carer as long as that person is also a tennis member.
   - Members aged 13 and over can use the ball machine after an instruction session with a coach or member of the Tennis Committee. Please remember to pay for the ball machine through ClubSpark.
   - Unaccompanied access to the club outside of coaching and events is for those aged 13 and over.
   - Juniors may have a guest to play but he/she must be signed in and paid for, and may not attend for more than four occasions during a twelve-month period. (The exceptions are juniors attending club coaching sessions, when they can attend indefinitely and a different fee applies).
   - Those considered by the Head Coach or Tennis Committee to be of an intermediate standard may participate in Adult Club Sessions and Tournaments.
   - Juniors aged 13-18 are required to have their own fob.