

Scone Tennis Club Membership Information as at May 2017

As Scone Tennis Club enters the main summer season your Committee met recently and agreed to remind or indeed inform all members about the relevant information on the points below.

Scone Tennis Club supports the LTA guidance on values concerning 'Fair Play' and believes it should underpin all aspects of playing tennis, namely: -

ENJOY

Tennis is your sport so enjoy it. Love the game.
Be a good sport when you win, lose and watch matches.
Be a role model, behave as you expect others to.
Create a safe, fun and fair tennis environment.

RESPECT

Tennis is a game for everyone, respect others.
Take responsibility for your actions.
Learn and follow the rules and the Fair Play values.
Call the score and lines loudly and fairly; leave it to the official to resolve problems.

Scone Tennis Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all our members. We believe that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents/guardians associated with the club should, *at all times*, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others.

Alongside the above values we all should ensure that members, non-members and visiting teams are not denied access to our tennis venue because of a discriminatory reason. (An explanation of the different types of discrimination can be found in the LTA / Tennis Foundation Equality and Diversity Policy – www.lta.org.uk/equality.)

Members should be aware that *their* conduct could be perceived as being intimidating and unwanted due to the *manner in which* it is delivered as well as the words that are used. Your Committee is committed to and will take action to create an inclusive environment that is welcoming and seeks to improve representation across all groups and participation at all levels within tennis.

Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with any of the Committee.

The Committee would like to remind/inform all members about Club Fees and Categories of Membership. This was discussed at our recent AGM and a vote was carried, *with a healthy majority*, not to make any change to the fee differentials between Adult Categories for this season.

Members are reminded/informed of the relevant part of our Constitution which says:

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

a) The annual membership fee shall be determined at the Club AGM or at a Special General Meeting convened as after-mentioned and due and payable not later than 1st April following.

b) The Committee shall determine the classification of members and the rights and privileges of such members. The amount of the annual membership fee for the various classifications shall be displayed by Secretary of the Club on the Club Notice Board.

What this means is that *change* to the fee differential cannot be made before the next AGM or unless at a specially constituted General Meeting. The current Categories and Fees are given below and are valid until 31 March 2018.

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Category	Description	2017-18
Adult	Full playing member who can be selected to represent the Club at all tournaments / events within or out-with STC.	£140
Family	2 adults, plus any number of juniors, ie under 18. Full playing member rights for all.	£280
Non Team Playing & / or Parent	Cannot represent Club in any teams or matches but can play in internal social tournaments, Club Nights or Afternoons and Club Championships. Able to play at any time during the day or evening provided there are no matches. For parents of children of 8 and under. The Parent category includes any number of Junior 8U or Active Andy fees.	NTP £70 Parent £55
Intermediate	For ages 18 to 21, (no age limit if in full time education). Full playing member, can be selected to represent the Club at all tournaments / events.	£55
Juniors: 1) 12 to 18 2) 9 to 11 3) 8 and under 4) Active Andys	As per appropriate age full playing junior member, ie can play in teams representing club externally and participate in team practices. Active Andy members are children with additional support needs.	£55 £42 £15 £15
Friend	Non playing, entitled to join in with all social events but not on court. If plays then pays guest fee.	£5

With competitive match play now underway and the courts being used on many nights it is important that you check any court availability on our Calendar on the website www.sconetennisclub.org.uk. Much coaching from Marcin is also on offer and increasingly during the day.

There is adequate time for arranging additional social tennis for all at whatever level you may desire or match practice out-with those periods currently allocated on our Calendar. The Committee encourage such activities and for specific individual court bookings please contact the Secretary in advance.

A huge amount of gratitude ought to be forthcoming, and completely merited from all, towards both Douglas Gibson and Paul Cunningham, especially the former, for the large amount of man-hours spent cleaning our courts with newly purchased equipment.

Can members please be reminded that we all have a responsibility to look after our club both on court, the court perimeter and the clubhouse and to take an active part in doing so.

Finally, please be reminded to inform the Secretary if you intend participating in the John Jasper social event at Blairgowrie Tennis Club @ 1.45pm on Sunday 14th May, by the middle of next week. £5 entry fee for ENABLE.