



# FISH HOEK TENNIS CLUB

## GENERAL PLAYING RULES

In terms of the club's constitution (clause 11.2) the courts are open for play by members **at all times except when the courts have been reserved by the Committee for a particular purpose (such as for league matches)** subject to the proviso that members are given timeous notice of any such reservation. Recognised tennis clothing must be worn by members during play

Please note that the playing of tennis during the lockdown period has only been permitted by the government from Saturday 20 June under very strict rules and protocols agreed upon by our governing body, Tennis South Africa. The Covid-19 Protocols have been posted on the website ([www.fhtc.co.za](http://www.fhtc.co.za)).

**Please therefore note that the info that follows below refers specifically to the playing of tennis at our club under normal (i.e. non-Covid 19 lockdown) conditions**

Club members generally play in different sections (A steamers, Vets etc.) that have evolved over time and in terms of previous constitutional arrangements. The "A-streamers" generally play on Saturday afternoons although many of the ladies in this group also take part in the very active Tues/Thurs morning ladies league. Many of the A-streamers represent the club in the Cape Town Tennis leagues on Saturday afternoons. All members are, however, welcome to join in with social play on these days. Our Men's Veterans section (for over 50s A-streamers) play on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 12h30 until 16h30) with other players being allowed to play from 4pm onwards on Tues/Thurs and also on Saturday afternoons from 12h30. The "Midweek Social Section" in turn, have their own very active Mon/Wed/Fri morning group and start playing at around 08h00.

Members who play during these above pre-arranged times are expected to fit in with the group arrangements at the time; private social play is unfortunately **not** permitted at these times but can be arranged at other times. Balls are provided by the club for play at these organized social play times; members must provide their own balls at other times



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Juniors & Students generally play at times other than the above (Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons as well as on Saturday mornings or all day on Sunday) but, as indicated above, are also welcome to join the organized social play on Saturday afternoons. Adult members not wishing to play with the organized weekday streams are of course also welcome to play at these times although it must be stressed that preference on the use of courts on Saturday mornings will be for Juniors, especially during school holiday periods.

Please also note that during the months that the formal Western Province (now formally renamed "Cape Town Tennis") ladies, men's, and mixed leagues are in progress (generally Feb/March and Sept/Oct & Nov), the courts are reserved for league practice from 4.30pm onwards on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Social play is accordingly only allowed if courts are free – these players may also be asked to vacate courts if they are needed for league practice. The matches in these leagues take place on Saturday afternoons and all but two of the club's courts are used for league matches; the remaining two courts are generally available for social play from 3.30 - 4.00pm onwards. New members are encouraged to consider making themselves available to represent the club in the various leagues and to attend league practices at the relevant times. Having said this, given that the team selectors are unlikely to know the new members, they are asked to introduce themselves when coming down to practice so that their standard of play can be assessed and they could be appropriately slotted in with practice arrangements. This also applies to new lady members wanting to play in the morning league.

## USING OF THE FLOODLIGHTS

**Floodlights** on our A & B courts has opened up an exciting new dimension of play at the club but this has also necessitated the introduction of a set of rules governing the use of these courts after hours. The club committee has decided that:

- Only members may book courts; they may not book on behalf of non-members i.e. they must be present on the court



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- For now in any case, no-one may play without having made an online booking. If members arrive at the club wanting to play and the lights are off and the club is closed, they may still need to call or WhatsApp Jeff Lewis (073 310 8316).
- The fee will be R10 per hour per player with payment made to Jeff at the pub either before or after play or on demand from Jeff. No payment delays will be allowed
- Visitors will, as usual, have to pay the standard visitors fee as well.
- We will initially be using an honours system i.e. trusting members to adhere to our rules - ANY ABUSE OF THE RULES OR ILLEGAL PLAY WILL RESULT IN SERIOUS ACTION AGAINST SUCH MEMBERS EG R500 FINE
- No play will be permitted after 10pm

## COURT ETIQUETTE

The Committee would also like to draw the attention of new members to the fact that while most of our club members park in front of the Municipal offices and enter the club grounds via the steps leading down to the clubhouse across courts B/A and D/C, **persons using this route MUST please respect court etiquette and not cross over while games are in progress as it is extremely disconcerting to have one's play disrupted in such a manner!** This is particularly important on Saturday afternoons during league matches - members are asked to please use the main entrance opposite the Moth Hall on these days.

## VISITORS USING THE COURTS

ALL MEMBERS are also asked to note that while they may bring visitors to the club to with them, they are required to pay the Bar Manager the visitor fee per session before playing. If the Bar Manager is not there the club expects the member to collect this fee and to pay it in at his/her earliest convenience.



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## ACCESSING THE CLUB GROUNDS

Finally, access to the club grounds is via either of our two gates. **The access code to the electronic keypads of both gates are... *(this will have been provided to you as a new member)***. The club has installed this system as a result of unwarranted persons entering our grounds and making a nuisance of themselves. Please therefore make sure that the gate closes and locks behind you after you have entered and do not place anything in the way to prop it open. When you want to leave the club press one of the release buttons that are mounted on the wall between A & C courts close to the front door of the clubhouse – the one on the left opens the gate at the top (facing the municipal offices) while the other one opens the main gate at the bottom (next to the Moth Hall)