



# FISH HOEK TENNIS CLUB

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### MEMBERSHIP RULES (approved at 14 July 2021 AGM)

Membership rules which are introduced by the Committee have to be ratified at the ensuing AGM. In the event that these are not approved they may not be re-introduced by the Committee except as a proposal at a subsequent AGM at least eleven months after the AGM at which they were rejected.

#### **1. ENTRANCE FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS**

- 1.1 The annual subscriptions (subs) or existing members are due on 1 July and must be paid by the 31<sup>st</sup> August of the same year. Unless prior arrangements have been made, payments after 31<sup>st</sup> August may incur a penalty. If the subs are not paid by 31<sup>st</sup> August, the member's name will be removed from the roll. The Committee shall display on its notice board a list of paid-up members as at 31<sup>st</sup> August each year.
- 1.2 Subs and entrance fees of new members must be paid as soon as their application for membership has been accepted.
- 1.3 Subs for temporary, social members and visitors must be paid in advance. New members will pay proportionally reduced fees, depending on when they join.
- 1.4 The club's financial year shall be deemed to begin on 1 June and end on 31<sup>st</sup> May of the following year.
- 1.5 Members resigning must do so in writing, and preferably before 31<sup>st</sup> May as failure to do so before this date may render them liable for subs for the following year.
- 1.6 A 'family' will receive a 10% discount on their subs. A 'family' is defined as a husband and wife, siblings, and/or a parent with a child or children
- 1.7 Senior members as defined in the Constitution, shall be entitled to a 20% discount on the fee paid by Ordinary members. Members who have reached the age of 70 at the start of the Club's financial year but who are not classified as Senior members, shall also enjoy a discount of 20%.
- 1.8 Juniors may play as visitors without payment of visitor's fee if courts are available but must be encouraged to join. Should such a junior however play regularly he or she will have to join the club and pay the applicable subscription fee.



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- 1.9 Visitors may play twice in any calendar month but persons abusing this privilege and playing regularly as visitors will be required either to join or to discontinue playing at the club.
- 1.10 Members whose subscriptions have not been paid by 31<sup>st</sup> August may be prevented from playing at the club until the outstanding amount is paid or satisfactory arrangements have been made with the Chairman or Treasurer
- 1.11 New applicants may be required to pay visitor's fees if playing before they are accepted as members. Acceptance of new members will however be expedited.

## 2. **MEMBERSHIP**

- 2.1 **Life membership:** Life members are elected at the AGM and shall not be required to pay annual subscriptions. Members wishing to nominate a member for Life Membership must motivate their request in writing to the Secretary before the AGM. Such nominated members must have been members for at least 25 years and have significantly contributed in various ways to the betterment of the club. The nomination must be seconded by at least 5 members eligible to vote and should clearly explain the reasons for the nomination.
- 2.2 **Temporary/Country membership:** This category generally applies to visitors from out of Cape Town who are here for periods of up to six months. The Committee has the sole discretion whether or not to approve applications in this regard. While the subscription fee for such persons is to be determined by the Chair and Treasurer, Temporary members will not be required to pay the once off-joining fee for new adult members. This concession will not be granted again, whilst Country Members shall be liable for the once-off joining fee and can renew their membership every year.

Country members, who are generally resident in Cape Town for longer periods of time than temporary members, will be required to pay a joining fee in order to maintain their membership"

## 3. **ALLOCATION OF COURTS**

The courts are allocated to the various groups as follows: -

### Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

*Mornings* A, B, C, & D Courts - Morning Stream 09:00 - 12:00.

*Afternoons* A, B, C & D Courts available for arranged sets (singles or doubles) and social play, in proportion to numbers. *E & F courts reserved for coaching*

### Tuesdays & Thursdays

*Mornings* 09:00 - 13:00 - Morning league ladies' group on A, B, C & D courts **or on all courts for league**. *Coaching may take place on E & F courts when league is over*

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*Afternoons* 13:00 - 16:30 - Men's veteran section - A, B, C & D courts; General play by other members allowed on E & F courts

16.30 onwards - General play or men's, ladies or mixed match practice on all 6 courts.

***No coaching is permitted to take place at the club on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons***

## Saturdays

*Mornings* : Juniors have preference until 12:00 noon.

*Afternoons* : General play - open to all members: 13:00 – 15.30  
Arranged sets – from 15h31 onwards

Players may arrange sets after 15.31 provided that courts are not being used for league purposes.

Two courts shall be reserved throughout the league seasons for social play until 4pm at which time one or both of these courts may be utilized for league play after consultation with the social players present at the club

- From 13h00 to 15h30: 5 courts for social play except when league matches are underway; 1 court for juniors that have not been invited to play with full members
- From 15h31 onwards: 5 courts to be shared between members arranging their own tennis and those still playing in the organised section; 1 court for juniors who have not been invited to play with full members, except when league matches are underway

## Sundays

*All day* All courts available for arranged sets (singles or doubles) and social play, in proportion to numbers but two courts are reserved for coaching purposes.

## 4. GENERAL PLAY ON THE COURTS

### 4.1 Saturday afternoons

- Mixed doubles take preference over men's and ladies doubles**
- Wherever possible, a committee member should supervise the arranging of sets.
- Players to place name tag on the board on arrival. When league tennis is in progress or when few enough players (ie for 2 or less courts) are present the running of the board may be considered unnecessary provided that the rules, as set out below, are strictly adhered to.



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- iv) As members arrive at the club they are to be classified as losers. A member of the committee will arrange sets by trying to match pairs of players by strength. Sets are thereafter arranged on a winner's vs winners and losers vs loser's basis, where *someone is chosen to play but elects to "sit out" then that person's name must be moved to the top of the names in the column (i.e. last)*
  - v) Sets shall consist of 8 games
  - vi) Where there are insufficient names of a particular sex available to make up regular mixed doubles then those "minority sex" players are to be treated as members of the majority sex.
  - vii) When a set is chosen preference must be given to players waiting before players who have just vacated a court are chosen ie when 6 players are waiting and a further 4 players vacate a court the set must be chosen from the 6 waiting players while still using the winners vs winners / losers vs losers format.
  - viii) On completion of a set names of ladies and men are placed in the relevant column on the board with the winner first, followed by the losers.
- 4.2 Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays (Morning Stream)  
A member to be elected to organise sets on these days and liaise with the relevant Committee member in the event of issues having to be drawn to the Committee's attention. The winners vs. winners and losers vs. loser's system is used at present.
- 4.3 Tuesdays & Thursday Morning Ladies  
When no league is in progress the winners vs. winners and losers vs. loser's system is used. An organiser should be elected who shall in turn liaise with the relevant Committee member in the event of issues having to be drawn to the Committee's attention
- 4.4 Tuesday & Thursday Afternoon (Men's veterans)  
Sets to be organised in a manner agreeable to all players. An organiser should be elected to liaise with the relevant Committee member in the event of issues having to be drawn to the Committee's attention
- 4.5 Tuesday & Thursday General Play (After 4:30pm)  
Sets to be organised by in a manner agreeable to all players (when no match practice in progress). Mixed and men's or ladies doubles to be in proportion to number of players present.  
4.5.1 Sets shall consist of 9 games.
- 4.6 General  
3.6.1 On Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons courts are available for singles and doubles arranged sets. Players must arrange for their own tennis balls.



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3.6.2 On days when courts are allocated for social play those players arriving before the stipulated starting time must make their own arrangements for tennis balls until the starting time. These players will be required to vacate the court at the starting time and place their names at the bottom of the list of players if they have completed at least one set, otherwise they may play in the set to be formed.

## 5. **CONTROL OF TENNIS BALLS**

The use of tennis balls is controlled as follows: -

**Two balls shall generally be used per court for social play.**

1. Saturday afternoons  
2 new balls per general/social play court.
2. B-Stream  
20 new balls per month to be allocated for Round Robin and used for the rest of the month. Additional balls to be issued in the event that the condition of the balls warrants this.
3. Tuesday/Thursday morning group  
Good used balls to be used and replaced periodically by new balls when necessary. During league: league balls to be used for social play or practice.
4. Tuesday/ Thursday afternoon groups  
Good used balls to be used and replaced periodically by new balls when necessary.
5. Match Practice  
Match balls to be re-used for match practice and supplemented when necessary.
6. League Tennis  
Each team member to pay a levy per match towards the cost of balls which amount is collected by captains.

## 6. **COACHING**

6.1 Specific coaching contracts, each setting out the conditions under which coaches may make use of the club courts, are negotiated with individual coaches by the Committee.

**DUKE METCALF**