

Barnet Tennis Club

Court Etiquette

- Please do not cross a court where play is in progress. Wait for the point to finish, and then ask the player if you may cross. Use the nearest gate to enter or leave the court, closing it after you.
- If your ball strays to the back of a nearby court where play is in progress, wait for the point to finish before retrieving it.
- Please do not make any undue noise – please no swearing or racquet throwing. Mobile phones should be on silent or switched off during play.
- Please do not make noise or play games anywhere near the courts when others are playing tennis. Ball games on the grass areas behind the courts are particularly distracting to players and should not take place when club matches are in progress, during Men's or Ladies' Nights or if asked not to by those playing. Football must never be played on the courts.
- Never ride your bike in the club grounds, as this distracts players. Bikes must be wheeled down the path and left by the right hand side of the clubhouse
- Please keep your Club tidy! Do not leave rubbish on or by the courts, or around the clubhouse. If you use the kitchen facilities, return your cups etc, wash them up and replace them in the cupboard. Please return empty glasses to the bar.
- Please do not leave chewing gum on or near the courts. Gum can be very difficult to remove from the courts and is particularly unpleasant to tread on while playing.
- Visitors (4 per year) may be introduced to the club. They should be signed into the book in the clubhouse and the fee paid. Please save the embarrassment of having to be asked for your Visitor's Fees. It is the responsibility of the member(s) introducing a visitor to ensure that any such guest complies with all the Club Rules. Please inform guests of clothing regulations before their visit.
- Parents who bring young children to the Tennis Club, are asked to ensure they do not allow them to run around screaming and shouting, distracting players while games are in progress.
- Dress Code – Recognised tennis clothing must be worn at all times.

Acceptable	Unacceptable
All recognised Tennis Clothing white and/or coloured (Shoes must have non-marking soles)	Leotards/ Running/Cycling shorts (any type), Lycra pants/Leggings, Football/Rugby Shirts, Football/Rugby Shorts.

- Club Members and their guests will be asked to leave the court if they are inappropriately dressed. Please avoid this unnecessary embarrassment by adhering to the Dress Code.

Court Priority

- Adults (aged 16 and over), Student and Intermediate members have precedence on court, except for the designated junior court(s). Juniors must vacate a court when asked by a senior member, except on Junior Club Night. The committee, in recognition of their playing ability and court etiquette, may give certain designated Junior members Adult Status. A list of the Juniors with Adult Status will be displayed on the notice board.
- Court 7 is a designated Junior Court. It may be used by juniors at all times. However, an alternative court may be nominated during an important club match or when weekend coaching is taking place. This will be shown by a notice indicating junior priority.
- Court 8 is also a junior court when not being used by the Club Coach or Assistant Coach. However, this will only come into effect when the remaining 6 courts are available for club use.
- On coach-led Men's & Ladies Nights there will be no junior court available. However, once those sessions have finished, juniors will be entitled to use one court which will be shown by a notice indicating junior priority (usually court 7).
- If an Adult and Junior (without adult status) are playing, their priority status is that of a Junior.
- Please note that with the exception of competition matches, courts must be vacated at the end of each short set (first to six games, tie break at 6 all) if there are other members waiting to play. If players are practising rather than playing points they must vacate the court after 20 minutes. This applies to ALL courts (including the Junior Court(s)).
- Please note, except during tournament play, no singles play is allowed when ALL courts are in use and two or more members are waiting to play. This also applies to the Junior Court (s) when other Juniors are waiting to play.

Thank you, for your full co-operation