

BUCKDEN TENNIS CLUB Rules

1. Definitions

As at 1st April:

“Senior”	26 years of age and over
“Young persons”	18 – 26 years of age
“Family”	two senior members and their children
“Junior”	under 18 years of age
“Cup match ”	Club knockout singles competitions

2. Visitors

- Visitors may only play when introduced and accompanied by a Senior or Young Persons member
- Visitors are restricted to 5 visits per season
- The introducing member is responsible for signing the visitors’ book before play starts and forwarding to the Hon. Treasurer
- Visitors’ payments will be set off against subscription fees when joining as a new member

3. Club Mornings/Evenings

- Wednesdays, 18.30-20.00
- Saturdays, 10.30 – 12.00
- Sundays, 10.30 -12.00

4. Court Rules

Players are required to check state of courts before playing. Remove any debris or litter before playing and if any maintenance is required to log in the maintenance book

A – Club Mornings/ evenings

- Team matches take precedence over all club play
- Privately arranged games starting before 10.30 should cease immediately upon polite request if the court is required for club play.
- When more than 4 club players are present, play will be limited to one “First to Five Games” set, before mixing in with other members present.

B – All times except Club mornings/evenings

- Club one-day tournaments take precedence over all other club play
- Team matches take precedence over all other club play
- When there are insufficient courts for all those wishing to play, play will be limited to one short set – “First to Six” from the time the court shortage occurs
- There is no obligation on those playing singles to invite waiting players to join them for doubles, but it might be considered polite to do so if no other courts are available.
- Cup matches do not need to comply with the “First to Six” rule.

5. Dress

- All members must wear suitable tennis shoes. (Shoes that are likely to damage or mark the courts shall not be worn.
- Appropriate sports clothing should be worn whilst playing.

6. Floodlit play

- There is no formal court booking system for play under floodlights, but all members are requested to use their reasonable discretion when there are insufficient courts for those waiting to play in accordance with rule 4B above.

No play is permitted under floodlights after 22.00 (Mon – Sat) or 21.30 (Sunday)

7. Locking up

- The last member to leave the club, at any time, is responsible for:
 - Reducing all net tensions
 - Putting away all tennis balls on court
 - Turning off all lights
 - Locking the clubhouse and the outer gate
- The last Senior member to leave the club while Junior members are still playing is responsible for:
 - Locking the clubhouse door
 - Reminding the Junior players to reduce the net tensions, clear any balls on court and to lock the outer gate as they leave the club

8. Admission

Committee members have the discretion and authority to refuse admission or use of the courts to any member or visitor

9. Tennis Etiquette

- Always wear your membership shoe tags to avoid the need for committee members to identify playing members.
- Wait to be asked before crossing behind a court in use; then cross quickly as a group with your fellow players.
- Don't interfere with play on adjoining courts by chasing stray balls.
- Please avoid disturbing other players with noisy shouts, swearing or throwing a racket in anger.
- Be aware of where the balls are on court during play and collect and feed balls to your partner or opponent when they are serving.
- Release net tension at the end of your game if you are the last to play on the court.
- Please ensure you leave the courts and clubhouse in a tidy condition.