



## JUNIOR MEMBERS GUIDE – 2024/2025

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### **COURT TIMES**

During school term time Saturday mornings are priority court time for juniors. Most courts are booked for either junior coaching or junior matches between 9am and 1pm. Juniors are encouraged to book the free courts during this time to play for fun and for any league matches.

At all other times, outside of social tennis sessions juniors may book courts via Clubspark. Those aged 16 and over can book courts themselves if their parent or guardian requests an account for them. Please make the request to Chris Dent, Head Coach or Alexia King, Coach and Junior Representative.

At all times children under 13 must be supervised by a responsible person aged over 16, unless they are having coaching or attending a supervised event or activity.

### **JUNIOR COACHING**

Chris Dent and Alexia King offer individual and group session coaching for juniors throughout the year. To organise coaching ring Chris on 07720 941494. Phone calls before 9.00pm please.

Junior coaching takes place every day from Monday through to Saturday. We endeavour to have the club bar open from 9am to 11am on Saturday mornings.

Tennis sessions run during most school holidays, for all levels of tennis. Both fun tennis and tournament afternoons are held for all ages. Please check with Chris Dent for further details including booking and costs.

### **BRING A FRIEND/PLAY WITH A PARENT OR GUARDIAN**

You are welcome to bring a friend to play for fun, a match or join in junior social night. Just sign the visitor's book in the Junior corridor and pay £2 in the box.

Encourage your parents to join as associate members and they can benefit by getting information about club events – where your whole family are always welcome. They will also be able to play tennis with you on Saturday mornings, 8 times a year at other times, and use the bar and clubhouse (when full members are present).

Parents who join as Associate Members must sign in the Visitors Book when they play and instead of writing and paying £5 simply write AM1 the first time you play (meaning Associate Member – 1<sup>st</sup> play), AM2 the second time you play (Associate Member 2<sup>nd</sup> play), etc until you have used your 8 turns. After 8 turns in a year, if you wish to play anymore then you will need to continue to sign in the Visitor's Book but pay £6 each time in the box provided. The visitor's book for adults can be found in the Clubhouse, by the patio doors.

If parents are not members they must sign the visitors book and pay a visitor's fee of £6 per day.

### **UNDER 5'S CATEGORY MEMBERS**

Parents are welcome to join their children on court to throw balls to them for up to 20 minutes at a time without the parents having to be members. This is subject to court availability and must be outside of exclusive adult Social Tennis on Tuesdays 6:30-10pm. Please ensure you wear suitable footwear and book a court.

### **JUNIOR SOCIAL NIGHT – FREE FOR MEMBERS**

Please [contact](#) Chris Dent for details.

### **KEY FOB**

Parents of younger members may obtain a key fob to supervise the use of the courts for their child. Junior members over the age of 13 can also obtain a fob key, with their parent's written consent, Key fob requests should be sent to the Membership Secretary on [cltcmembership@gmail.com](mailto:cltcmembership@gmail.com).

The key fob allows you to open the main gate and use the tennis courts independently (if aged over 13 years). It also means you can access the toilets, a basket containing balls and the junior notice board via the side door. The fob used by juniors does not provide access to the clubhouse and juniors should not use the clubhouse without an adult club member present.

### **BRITISH TENNIS MEMBERSHIP**

British Tennis Membership is free for all. Juniors are encouraged to sign up for the following benefits:

- Acceptance into the club ballot for Wimbledon tickets
- Get a World Tennis Number (WTN) (play in the junior singles league/teams/tournaments)
- Discounts and pre-sales on tickets for events
- Discounts on tennis equipment and clothing

Go to [www.lta.org.uk/members/join](http://www.lta.org.uk/members/join) and click on Club Members (all ages).

Please affiliate to Carshalton Lawn Tennis Club by selecting '**Manage My Account**' and then selecting '**My Tennis Venue**'.

### **RESPECTING OTHER PLAYERS**

- Please respect players on other courts and do not cross behind players to collect balls when play is in progress.
- When players are already on court and playing a set, please wait quietly until you are invited to cross over their court.

### **BOOKING COURTS**

Courts can be booked up to 7 days in advance, using the Clubspark login which you set up when you join. Please note that juniors are not able to book courts during exclusive adult Social Tennis on Tuesdays 6:30-10pm.

### **FLOODLIGHTS**

**General** - Floodlights can be used between dusk and 10.00pm and are operated by meters taking ½ hour tokens. These are available from the bar – cost £2.50 per token.

*Please organise tokens well in advance to avoid disappointment.*

**Tuesday Club Sessions (for Juniors who have been promoted to playing with the adults)** – Where floodlights are required during Tuesday Club Sessions, members (both adults and juniors) are required to pay a £2 fee. This will apply regardless of how long you choose to play for but won't apply if the floodlights are turned on after the sessions starts (6.30pm), you are 'mid set' at the point they are turned on and you choose not to continue playing after your set has finished. If you choose to start playing before 6.30pm you will be expected to purchase tokens or meet the additional cost, which is £2.50 per court per half hour.

### **JUNIORS JOINING ADULTS SESSIONS**

Chris Dent monitors all junior players' progress and when he feels you are competent will encourage you to join the adult social sessions. If you would like to be assessed, please ask Chris. There is a list of juniors on the noticeboard that can participate in adult sessions. This is a great way to improve your tennis and is usually run as a doubles format. Don't panic, just turn up and you will be made very welcome.

### **CLUB MATCHES AND TOURNAMENTS**

There are tournaments arranged throughout the year for all standards. There is also a junior singles league for those playing yellow ball tennis.

If you are interested in playing for the club teams, please let Chris or Alexia know.

An annual club junior tournament is run with the finals day in July. Leaflets are also on display, promoting other LTA events.

### **SOCIAL EVENTS**

Keep an eye on the Junior notice board for details. Members and friends are welcome. If you have any suggestions for events, please let Chris or Alexia know. We are all very keen for juniors to enjoy their tennis and club membership.

### **TENNIS BALLS**

Yellow tennis balls are provided for older junior players.

### **CLOTHING**

Appropriate tennis clothes and footwear must all times whilst on court.

### **THE COMMITTEE**

You can contact any of the committee by emailing [cltcmembership@gmail.com](mailto:cltcmembership@gmail.com)

### **SAFEGUARDING**

The safety and wellbeing of all who attend is our priority and our Welfare Officer is on hand should you have any safeguarding concerns or anything that is worrying you that you wish to discuss.

Any concerns, please contact our Welfare Officer, Eileen Nutting on 07731 665277 or via email on [eileennutting@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:eileennutting@hotmail.co.uk). Our policies can be found on the website [Policies | CLTC](#).

We also have safeguarding information on the noticeboards inside the clubhouse including contact details of our Welfare Officer.

Promoting a positive safeguarding culture includes promoting positive behaviours, and as an LTA Registered Venue, all our members and venue users are required to follow the LTA Code of Conduct. Please familiarise yourself with this and raise any concerns about behaviours with the Welfare Officer or a committee member.

Further information about keeping our sport safe, including hints and tips for parents is available via the LTA Safe to Play Campaign: <https://www.safetoplaytennis.co.uk/>

How to raise a concern about a child or an adult at risk at the club

If a child or an adult at risk is in immediate danger or risk of harm, the police should be contacted by calling 999.

Where a child or an adult at risk is not in immediate danger, any concerns about their wellbeing should be made without delay to the Welfare Officer.

The Welfare Officer will pass the details of the concern on to the LTA Safeguarding Team at the earliest opportunity and the relevant local authority and the police will be contacted, where appropriate.

If you wish to report anything directly to the LTA, you can do so via this link:

<https://safeguardingconcern.lta.org.uk/>

Advice can also be sort from the NSPCC via 0808 800 5000.

### **HIRE OF CLUBHOUSE**

Please contact [info@carshaltontennis.org](mailto:info@carshaltontennis.org).

### **PLEASE NOTE**

The full version of the Club Rules, Regulations and Junior Rules are posted on the noticeboards in the clubhouse.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Check out our website and social media accounts:

[www.carshaltontennis.org](http://www.carshaltontennis.org)

<http://www.facebook.com/CarshaltonLawnTennisClub>