



A guide for new members



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Welcome to your Club!

We are delighted to welcome you to The Leicestershire Tennis and Squash Club. We hope you enjoy being a member and get a lot out of coming down to the Club on a regular basis and getting involved in everything we have to offer.

Here are just some of our facilities:

- 18 tennis courts
- 3 squash courts
- Regular table tennis sessions
- Pickleball
- Adult and junior coaching programme
- Walk on access to courts almost anytime (booking required evenings)
- Fully licenced bar
- A partnership with Withers Intersport with a dedicated Club shop
- Organised mix-ins, tournaments, social events and charity functions
- Widescreen TV
- Free WiFi

- Winter Leagues
- Vets Teams
- Mixed Teams
- Junior Teams
- Squash Divisions
- Winter Floodlit Box Leagues
- Annual Club Championships

This pack aims to give you all the information you need to get started here at Leicestershire Tennis and Squash Club.

If you have any further questions, please contact the club office – manager@leicestershire-tennis.co.uk



In addition, you can compete at any level:

- National Club Leagues
- Summer Leagues

Membership Types

- **Full membership** allows you to play tennis, squash, table tennis and pickleball.



- **Squash only membership** allows you to play squash, table tennis and pickleball.
- **Table tennis membership** allows you to play table tennis only.

See page 6 for social memberships.

The above membership types allow members to participate in coaching, either group sessions or one to one – note that these attract additional costs – please click on the link below.

<https://wedotennis.co.uk/the-leicestershire>

We Do Tennis administrate the club's group coaching sessions.

Access to the club main entrance and squash courts are via a keypad. You will receive the code when you join.

Balls

Balls can be purchased from the bar or from Withers Club Shop

Bar

Opening hours

Summer (March to October)

Monday to Thursday 5.00pm – 10.00pm

Friday 5.00pm – 11.00pm

Saturday 9.00am – 8.00pm

Sunday 10.00am – 8.00pm

Winter (October to March)

Subject to change.

(Note hours change when the clocks go forward/backward.)

The bar sells a wide range of alcoholic and soft drinks, as well as snacks.

Occasionally we run social nights where catering may be put on, and we cater for players during tournament weeks.

Find a group to play with

When you join, you can request a committee member to contact you to find out your level, what sort of tennis you would like to play (social/ competitive or both) and to put you in contact with members who can include you in their tennis groups.

There is a document at the back of this booklet which gives you all the information on available groups and contact details of members who run them, as well as adult group coaching opportunities available.

You can also email manager@leicestershire-tennis.co.uk who will forward your message to the relevant person.

Charges

There are generally no charges for using club facilities. The only charges that will be incurred are:

1. Floodlight meters for the tennis courts during the winter months.
Cost: 15 minute cards cost £1.80 each and can be purchased from the bar and office.
2. Squash court lights – no charge; these are now included in membership fees.
3. Match fees where applicable.
4. Coaching – group sessions can be booked via the [website](#). Individual coaching is bookable with your chosen coach – price dependent on coach.

LTA Registered Venue

The Club is an LTA Registered Venue and adheres to the policies and procedures of the LTA. This includes the requirement to have a Club Welfare Officer, and to have policies covering the use of photography, risk assessments for tournaments etc. The current Welfare Officer is Nigel Hunter.
Email: nigel@wedotennis.co.uk
Tel: 07810 308283.

Club Shop

The Club runs a very successful partnership with Withers Sports, the Midlands premier racket store.

Email: sales@withersonline.com
Tel: 0116 262 2113

As well as having a main store at 6 Carts Lane, Leicester, complete with a hitting

wall, Withers also has a dedicated Club shop within the Clubhouse:

They offer a wide range of tennis and squash sportswear and equipment. A complete restringing service is also available and if the shop is closed, members may leave rackets for restringing in the dedicated box outside the shop door. In addition, members may be entitled to a shop discount.

Club Shop opening hours:

Tuesday 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Wednesday 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Friday 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Saturday 9.00am – 12.30pm

Clubhouse and Court Hire

Members and non-members may hire the facilities for private functions – members will be offered a preferential rate. Email manager@leicestershire-tennis.co.uk for details

Coaching

We have a team of LTA qualified tennis coaches. Details of the coaching team can be found on the club website and on the compliance noticeboard outside the Clubhouse. A comprehensive programme of coaching is offered for all ages and abilities, in groups or individually throughout the year.

The coaching programme is administered through We Do Tennis.

Please check the following link for more information:
<https://wedotennis.co.uk/the-leicestershire>

Complaints and Customer Service

Any complaints should be emailed to manager@leicestershire-tennis.co.uk. Our rules set out the procedure for handling any complaint.

The complaint will be addressed as soon as possible.

If any member has any ideas or suggestions that would help improve the facilities we have to offer, please email manager@leicestershire-tennis.co.uk. Your ideas and comments will be forwarded to the relevant committee member.

Courts

Court Opening Hours

Summer (March to October)

Monday to Friday 7.30am – 10.00pm
Weekends 7.30am – 8.00pm

Winter (October to March)

Monday to Friday 7.30am – 10.00pm
Weekends 7.30am – 6.00pm

Note hours change when the clocks go forward/backward.

The rules set out the protocol for getting a court if they should all be occupied.

All courts are available to all members on an equal basis and no “favourite” courts are recognised. Occasionally, at peak times, all courts may be occupied. Members wishing to play should occupy the seat placed alongside a busy court to indicate to those playing that they are waiting. The players on court are able to complete either one set of singles or two

sets of doubles. In rare situations, juniors may be asked to vacate their court by adults, **but only if all other courts are full and the juniors are given time to finish their current game.** To compensate for this, juniors have priority on **Court 10** at all times.

Please note court 12 is currently closed.

Court Booking

If you are playing during the day, you cannot book courts. However, if playing in the evening after 4.00pm, you should book a court. You cannot book courts at all on weekends.

If there is an event on or a lot of courts required for matches, which makes available courts for members to play, significantly reduced, courts will be opened for booking at weekends. Members will be notified of these dates.

We use ClubSpark to book courts and you will have created an account when you purchased your membership.

You can book courts [via the website here](#) or download the ClubSpark Booker app – available on Google Play or Apple iStore so you can book courts using your mobile.

Note maximum court booking time per day (excepting for tournaments, matches etc) is 90 minutes.

When booking a tennis court, please ensure you make note of which courts have floodlights as we have 10 floodlit courts which are useable until 10pm on Monday – Friday and 10pm on Saturday and Sunday. The floodlight meters are situated in the squash court lobby and are numbered accordingly.

Dogs

No dogs, other than trained guide or care dogs, are allowed anywhere in club grounds.

Dress Code

You should wear recognised tennis or squash clothing, subject to the following:

1. T-shirts are not considered to be recognised tennis clothing unless sold as such.
2. Tennis and squash shoes must be suitable for use on court surfaces.

Lost Property

Items left around the premises and grounds are collected and locked away in Lost Property. This is then kept for a period of three months before being donated to charity or disposed of. If you have lost any personal possession, please speak to the bar staff or email manager@leicestershire-tennis.co.uk.

Membership Card

We offer adult members a membership card which can be shown at the bar to benefit from a 5% member discount. Please email manager@leicestershire-tennis.co.uk if you would like to obtain a card.

Mix-Ins

As a new member, the easiest way to get a game is to turn up for a mix-in. Mix-ins are open to all members and are held on

Tuesdays at 6pm and Fridays at 7pm. Just come along and join in.

Social Members

For a small membership fee, non-players are welcome at the club and can enjoy full rights in the bar and on the social scene. Social members may only play a maximum of 6 times during a calendar year and on each occasion must pay a visitor's fee of £10. See how to play below under visitors.

Office Hours

The office is generally open as follows:

Monday to Friday

09:30am to 11:30am (Accounts Only)

Tuesdays and Thursdays 1.00pm – 6.00pm

Changes to office hours will be communicated to members on a weekly basis.

Policies and Procedures

Club rules are included at the back of this pack but can also be found on the website, along with club policies and procedures:

<https://leicestershire-tennis.co.uk/policiesandprocedures/>

Security

As with any large club, there are occasions where personal items go astray. It is in the best interests of members to ensure any valuables are taken on to court with them.

Social Events

These are organised from time to time and include quiz nights, wine tasting evenings, charity events. In addition, the club has larger social events at Christmas, on Firework Night and fun tennis tournaments. Any member can join in any event, provided they sign up as requested in the invitation that is circulated. If anyone would like to organise an event, please email manager@leicestershire-tennis.co.uk in the first instance to check for diary availability.

Smoking

Smoking and vaping are not permitted indoors anywhere in the club or on the courts. Members may smoke or vape in the designated smoking area which is at the top of the car park near the gate to court 11 (side of squash court building), **only if there are no players on court 11**. Please use the dedicated ash bin provided – and not flowerpots or drains!

If there are players on court 11, kindly smoke or vape outside the front car park gates. Thank you for your cooperation.

Squash Members

The club has a good squash membership which caters for all standards and requirements. For those looking for a social game, there is the club night each Friday running from 5.00pm to 6.00pm/7.00pm dependent on numbers.

There are also various leagues that run for the more competitive amongst you.

Squash members have all the same rights as tennis members, with a couple of exceptions:

- They may not play tennis unless as a visitor paying the appropriate fee (see Visitors) of £10
- Tennis members may also play squash

Squash Nights Mix-ins

These take place at 5pm on Friday – please let us know if you wish to join the WhatsApp group for notifications – email manager@leicestershire-tennis.co.uk

Teams

The Club runs numerous teams; men's, ladies' and mixed in both summer and winter leagues. To find out more about playing in teams, please contact the men's or ladies' captains or email manager@leicestershire-tennis.co.uk who will forward your request. A list of all team captains is posted on the large noticeboard outside the clubhouse.

Underage Drinking

Members under 18 may not drink alcohol in any form anywhere on the site, buy it at the bar or have it bought for them at the bar. Full details can be found in the club rules.

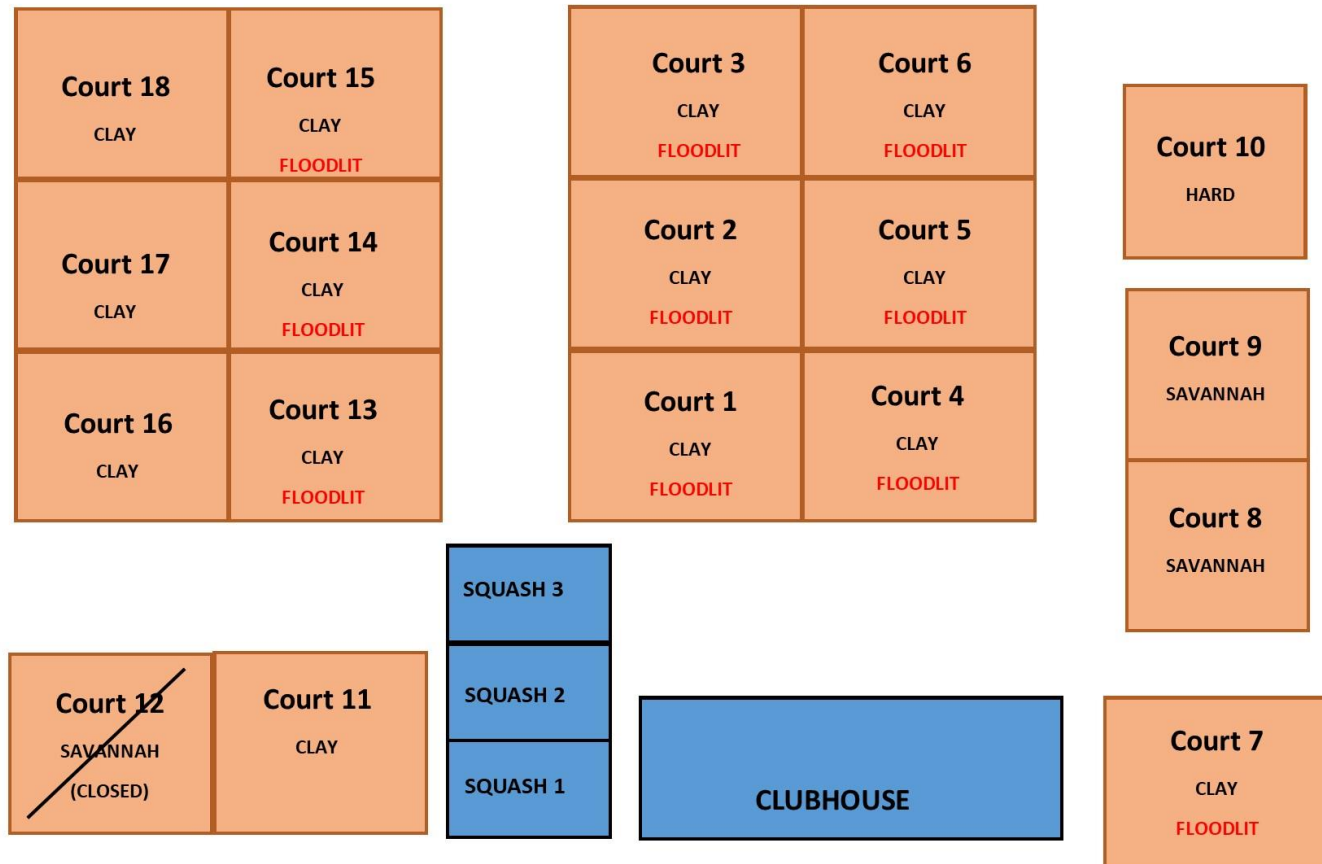
Visitors

You may bring a visitor to the club up to a maximum of 3 visits per calendar year. Register the visitor's name and pay the visitor's fee at the Bar. For when the bar is closed, please email manager@leicestershire-tennis.co.uk with the visitor's name and make payment to The Club Bank A/C details: Lloyds Bank: Sort code: 309497, Account: 67035168

Please add 'Visitor fee' as a reference on your Bank transfer.

The visitor fee is £10, Junior visitors should pay, £5 and a family visiting the club with a member should pay £10.

Court Layout



Groups adults can join to play TENNIS for fun or for coaching at your level. What's on when?

	Group	Led by		Group	Led by
Monday 6-7.30pm	Men's teams E and F social play	Vikram (member) contact no.07974947774	Thursday 7-8pm	Intermediate/improvers adults coaching	Adam Popowicz (coach) Book through We Do Tennis
Monday 8pm till 9pm	Intermediate improvers	Tommy Lane (coach) Book through We Do Tennis	Thursday 7.30-9pm	Ladies intermediate social play mix in	Alice Griffiths (member) contact no. 0778663289
Tuesday 6-7.30pm	Men's teams E to F social play	Vikram (member) contact no.07974947774	Friday 10-12pm	Mid-week social tennis	Tony Goodway (member) Contact no 07777669059
Tuesday 6-7.30pm	Club mix in FOC £2 for non-members for up to 3 months.	Sarah Shuttlewood (and other committee members). Contact no. 07552676798	Friday 9-11am	Ladies' Social tennis Experienced and day time players	Jill Dyer (member) contact via manager@leicestershire-tennis.co.uk
Tuesday 6-7.30pm	Men's teams G to J social play	Kirit Patel(member) Contact no. 07974144928	Friday 6-7.30	Men's teams E to J Social	Kirit Patel(member) Contact no. 07974144928
Wednesday 10-11am	Adult beginners coaching	Jen Stevens (coach) Book through We Do Tennis	Friday 7-8.30pm Friday 7-8.30pm	Intermediate mixed social mix in FOC Out of season teams social mix in FOC	Jen Stevens 07527800512/Jane Gadsby 07814122567 (committee members)

Wednesday 10-11am	Adult beginners coaching	Jen Stevens (coach) Book through We Do Tennis	Friday 7-8.30pm Friday 7-8.30pm	Intermediate mixed social mix in FOC Out of season teams social mix in FOC	Jen Stevens 07527800512/Jane Gadsby 07814122567 (committee members)
Wednesday 11-12pm	Adult improvers coaching	Jen Stevens (coach) Book through We Do Tennis	Friday 7.8.30pm out of match season	Men's team A to D Ladies A training	TBC
Wednesday 6-7.30pm	Men's A to E and Ladies A. Mixed social play	Pete Cansdale (Men's captain). Contact no 07875302213	Saturday 10-12	Saturday social tennis	Tony Goodway (member) Contact no 07777669059
Wednesday 6-7.30pm	Intermediate Mixed social play	Kate Moulson (member) Contact no 07851332749	Saturday 11-12	Improvers ladies only coaching	Jane Gadsby (coach) Book through We Do Tennis
Thursday 6-7.30pm	Men's E and F social play	Kirit Patel (member) Contact no 07971144928	Saturday 11-12	Beginner adults coaching	Tommy Lane (coach) Book through We Do Tennis
Thursday 6-7pm	Beginner adults coaching	Adam Popowicz (coach) Book through We Do Tennis	Saturday 12-1pm	Intermediate/improvers adult coaching	Tommy Lane (coach) Book through We Do Tennis

For most groups you would be expected to share the cost of balls and lights if required. The club provides used balls for those groups which say FOC.

Coaching fees are paid to WDT (We Do Tennis).

Our History

Club Motto: *Ministerium Inculpatum* – ‘Service without Fault’

The Club was founded in the summer of 1878 with the quaint title of THE LEICESTER LAWN TENNIS AND QUOIT CLUB and is reputed to be one of the twelve oldest tennis clubs in the world. The Club was generally known as LEICESTER LAWN TENNIS CLUB until 1912 and then LEICESTERSHIRE LAWN TENNIS CLUB until 1926, when the word ‘THE’ was added. In 1929 the Club was incorporated as THE LEICESTERSHIRE LAWN TENNIS CLUB LIMITED.

The first grounds were on land rented from Leicester Corporation for £30 per annum – an area of 6,068 square yards on the south side of Park Road (now Victoria Park Road) near the London Road. This is shown on the Ordnance Survey map of 1885. It is believed that there were at least six grass courts and a “cinder” court.

This land was a surplus piece of the old racecourse and when, in 1889, the Corporation put it up for sale, a resolution was put before a General Meeting to wind up the Club. The resolution failed and subsequent action taken resulted in the lease of suitable land on Evington Lane or Road – the exact place is not known. The cost of making new courts and fencing the land was £470.

In 1900 this ground had to be vacated because of road development and a new ground was leased from Mr J W Goddard. This has been our home ever since. The main entrance at that time was from Toller Road with another entrance being a path leading from Stoneygate Avenue through the garden of what is now number 15. The original grounds covered what are currently courts 1 to 6 plus an area of land to the south. The land to the north, then known as the “hockey ground” may have been rented in the summer. The old wooden pavilion, presumably moved from Evington Road, was erected in the south-east corner of the ground near the pathway from Stoneygate Avenue.

In March 1930, the present ground was purchased from the executors of J W Goddard for the sum of £6,500 and shortly afterwards the present clubhouse was erected at a cost of just over £3,600.

Since the 1930s the Club has continued to improve its facilities and now boasts 18 tennis courts, of which 14 are artificial clay, 3 are savannah and one is hard. 10 of the courts are floodlit. A building housing squash courts, originally two, was built next to the Clubhouse. We have now three squash courts.

On the playing side, the first known Club Champion was C S Viccars in 1890 and the first recorded inter-club match was held in July 1889 against Oxford University Lawn Tennis Club. Throughout its history the Club has been the scene of a variety of tournaments. Open tournaments were certainly held in 1886 and 1887, and from 1901 to 1914 the standard of entry was of a high order and included players such as Arthur W Gore, Reggie F Doherty, H Laurie Doherty, Norman E Brookes, G W Hillyard, Anthony F Wilding, Mrs Lambert Chambers and Miss May Sutton. Mrs Hillyard (nee Blanche Bigley) was six times a winner of the Wimbledon Championships (having appeared in 13 finals). These players brought many world-class players to Leicester to play in tournaments and during this period the Club Tournament was known as “Little Wimbledon”.

Up to the outbreak of the First World War almost every player of renown, not merely from England but from all parts of the world, had played at The Leicestershire Club. From 1947 to 1975 the Club competitions were combined with those of the County in a closed tournament but since then the Club has held its own separate competitions. In 1970 and 1971 a new type of commercially sponsored tournament was held. These were fairly large affairs and attracted some of the world's leading players.

Over the years the Club has produced a number of distinguished international players:

M Cox
D G Snart
R P Tutt
Mrs R E Haylock
N Taylor
Miss S Tutt
G R B Meredith
Mrs G I M Thompson
Mrs S Fox
J Walworth
S Brett
Mrs A Ison

This historical information acknowledges the original research into the Club's history which was diligently carried out by Club member Mr H Martin Mortimer in the course of his work in compiling the Club's Centenary book which spanned the years 1878-1978.

CLUB AND MEMBERSHIP RULES

Of THE LEICESTERSHIRE LAWN TENNIS CLUB ('the Club')

(updated and revised on 4th August 2025)

Introduction

The Committee of the Club, under the Articles of Association of The Leicestershire Lawn Tennis Club Limited, is responsible for establishing and maintaining various rules for its effective day-to-day operation. These are amended from time to time. Set out below are the current rules as adopted by the Committee on 4th August 2025 . They are binding on all members.

In these rules, all references to the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender.

The Club shall be bound by the rules and regulations of the Lawn Tennis Association and the England Squash & Racketball Association insofar as they are not inconsistent with the Articles of Association of the Club.

Definitions

LTA means LTA CLG and its subsidiaries or such successor entity or entities as become(s) the governing body of the game of lawn tennis from time to time;

1. Admission of Members

Admission to membership of the club is vested in the committee.

Membership application is done via ClubSpark.

Each new member shall receive from the club administrator written confirmation of his/her admission, together with an electronic copy of the Club Rules, Membership Handbook. Policies can be found on the website.

Payment of fees shall imply agreement to abide by the rules and policies of the club.

2. Categories of Membership

Membership of the club shall be divided into such categories as the committee shall from time to time determine. Details of the current categories, their terms and privileges, are available from the club administration officer, manager@leicestershire-tennis.co.uk

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/LeicestershireLawnTennisClub/Membership/Join>

A full list of current members and their membership category shall be kept and updated in the club office

3. Temporary Membership

Temporary membership may, from time to time, be granted to an individual at the discretion of the club committee for such period and on such terms as the committee may deem fit. This should be requested in writing to the officers of the club by emailing manager@leicestershire-tennis.co.uk

4. Squash Members

Squash members shall be entitled to the full privileges of membership except they may only use the tennis facilities on the same terms as a visitor. See below.

5. Subscriptions

The scale of joining fees, annual subscriptions, visitor fees and court fees shall be determined from time to time by the committee and is available in the club office.

Annual tennis subscriptions shall become due and payable on 1st March in every year, in accordance with payment options determined from time to time by the committee, and detailed in the renewal notice. After 1st April any adult or junior member whose subscription is in arrears may not play in a club team nor exercise any of the privileges to which such a person was previously entitled.

Annual squash subscriptions shall become due and payable on 1st September in every year, in accordance with payment options determined from time to time by the committee, and detailed in the renewal notice. After 1st October any adult or junior member whose subscription is in arrears may not play in a club team nor exercise any of the privileges to which such a person was previously entitled. If such subscription shall remain unpaid on 1st October, the member shall be deemed to have resigned.

Any member may, at the discretion of the committee, be re-admitted to membership on payment of all arrears, plus an 'Administration Fee' equivalent to 10% of the subscription fee. Resigning members may not take advantage of any introductory membership discounts or pro-rata membership apportionment for a period of 12 months post termination of membership unless otherwise agreed by the officers of the committee.

If a member wishes to suspend his membership for extraordinary circumstances, then he should write to the officers of the committee explaining his reasons by e-mailing manager@leicestershire-tennis.co.uk. The committee will consider it and decide whether the membership can be suspended. If you would like to receive our policy for suspending or pausing a membership you can contact the office by email and request it.

6. Data Protection

The information provided to the club on the membership application form will be kept and updated by the club office, and protected by the Data Protection act. Members data will only be used to communicate with members on matters relating to the club and relevant club activities. Members data will never be provided to a third party, but may on request, be provided to other full members for the purposes of club business unless the club receive a specific request not to do so.

7. Publishing of Images

Images of the club and its members may be used from time to time by the club for the purposes of promotion, this includes but is not limited to; social media, advertising and printed materials. Payment of fees indicates consent to use identifiable personal images.

8. Social Members

1. Any playing member wishing to transfer to social membership shall signify his intention by letter to the manager@leicestershire-tennis.co.uk before 1st March. Social members may play at the club a maximum of six times (squash or tennis) during one club year, subject to entry of their names in the visitors' book in the lobby and payment of the visitor fee of £10 at the bar or office by card. Alternatively, the name of the playing visitor may be emailed to manager@leicestershire-tennis.co.uk, and payment of the appropriate 'Visitor Fee' must be paid by BACS to the Club Bank A/C prior to play. The Club Bank A/C details are as follows: Lloyds Bank: Sort code: 309497, Account: 67035168.

9. Resignation

Any member may resign his membership by giving notice by e-mailing manager@leicestershire-tennis.co.uk to that effect. There will be no refund of subscriptions paid.

10. Visitors

The Club and individual members may, subject to the following conditions, introduce visitors:

1. Every visitor, either playing or non-playing, shall be considered to be the guest of the member introducing him and shall be accompanied by the member except whereby he/she is a guest of the Club.
2. Visitors may play at the Club a maximum of 3 times (squash or tennis) during one Club year, subject to entry of their names in the Visitors' Book in the lobby and payment of the visitor fee of £10 at the bar or office by card. Junior visitors should pay, £5 and a family visiting the club with a member should pay £10.
3. Alternatively, the name of the playing visitor must be emailed to manager@leicestershire-tennis.co.uk, and payment of the appropriate 'Visitor Fee' must be paid by BACS to the Club Bank A/C prior to play. The Club Bank A/C details are as follows: Lloyds Bank: Sort code: 309497, Account: 67035168.
4. Every visitor to the club is required to observe the rules and policies of the club, and the member introducing is responsible for their observance
5. No person who has been expelled from the club, or whose conduct or presence in the clubhouse shall be considered by the committee objectionable, or prejudicial to the interests of the club, shall be introduced as a visitor into the club.
6. No playing visitor may play at the club on more than three separate days in any one club year, except as provided for in 6 and 7 below.
7. Non-members playing in practices, matches or tournaments run under the auspices of the Club or County or National Association fall outside rules 9.2 and 9.3 above.
8. Where members have friends staying with them who are not normally resident in or near Leicester, the officers of the club are empowered to offer temporary membership (see Rule 4).

11. Dress Code

Whilst on court members, visitors and coaches must wear recognized tennis or squash clothing and shoes must be appropriate for the court surfaces. Note - tennis shoes covered in sand are not appropriate for use in the squash courts. All shoes used in the squash courts must be of the "non-marking" variety.

12. Occupation of Courts

All courts are available during daylight hours to all members on a first-come-first-served basis, unless formally reserved for club events such as club practices, matches, tournaments or coaching. Such reservations are shown on the court booking system on the ClubSpark website or on the Clubspark Booker App. If the court booking system is in operation, the court booking system will take precedence.

Where club or county events are being played, courts shall be reserved for the duration of the event.

The committee may, at its discretion, reserve certain courts for the purpose of coaching or use by junior members. These reservations will also be shown on the court booking system.

Rules for booking floodlit courts, and for booking squash courts, are on the club website. Members must not use any unfair means to gain advantage over other Members in relation to the booking of any court, including use of any software 'bot'.

The occupier of any court, senior or junior, is entitled to stay on that court for as long as they wish, unless all artificial grass or clay courts are occupied.

There is no right to a "favourite" court.

Junior members under 12 are encouraged to avoid playing at peak times where possible, (e.g. after 5pm on weekdays and before 12 noon on weekends).

Only if all artificial clay and artificial grass courts are occupied, the following rules apply:

1. At the request of waiting members, players shall vacate their court at the end of one set of singles or two sets of doubles. Tie-breaks must be played if needed.
2. If sets are not being played the maximum stay on a court is limited to 1 hour for singles and 1.5 hours for doubles.
3. Players not playing sets who have been asked to vacate their court have 15 minutes to do so if they have reached the maximum stay stated above.

13. Playing Rules

The rules for playing tennis at the Club shall be those adopted from time to time by the International Tennis Federation.

The rules for the playing of squash and racketball shall be those adopted from time to time by England Squash & Racketball.

14. Conduct on Court

All members shall conduct themselves at all times with due consideration for others. In particular the following are not permitted. There shall be:

- No swearing on court
- No smoking on court
- No chewing gum on court
- No spitting on court
- No alcohol on court

Only if essential should mobile phones be switched on while playing. This should be agreed with playing partners.

Phone conversations must not distract players on adjacent courts.

No game other than tennis shall be played on the tennis courts.

Members must conduct themselves both on and off court with due consideration to one another, to the club's neighbours and to the club's staff.

For further information, please see LTSC Code of Conduct.

15. Coaching

The committee shall permit approved coaches to provide tennis and/or squash coaching. At present the club is working with We Do Tennis to administrate club coaching.

Coaching staff, schedules, programmes, costs, etc, are to be set by We Do Tennis in consultation with the club and coaches subject to the agreement with We Do Tennis, enquiries@wedotennis.co.uk.

16. Balls

Tennis and squash balls may be purchased from the bar or the club shop.

New balls shall only be provided at club expense for such matches and events as are sanctioned by the committee.

17. Bar

The maximum permitted hours for the supply of alcoholic drinks shall be 10.00am to midnight each day, except there shall be no restriction on hours on New Years Eve through to New Years Day. The actual hours of supply will be within these parameters and as determined by the Committee. The duty bar supervisor may, at their discretion, choose to close the bar earlier than the published time and their decision must be accepted without challenge.

The purchase of intoxicating liquor for the supply by the club shall be managed by the Bar and Catering Officer on the committee. Only alcohol purchased at the bar may be consumed on the premises or grounds and neither members nor visitors may bring alcohol onto the site for consumption unless by prior arrangement with the bar supervisor and Bar and Catering Officer.

Intoxicating liquor may be purchased by visitors and guests when admitted to the club in accordance with these rules as guests of a member or of the club itself.

It is **illegal** for juniors to drink alcohol of any sort anywhere in the clubhouse or grounds

It is **illegal** for juniors to buy alcohol at the club

It is **illegal** for adults to buy alcohol in any form for juniors to drink

Any of these acts runs the risk of prosecution of members of staff or the committee, and could lead to loss of the club's licence to sell alcohol. The club reserves the right at any stage to request evidence of the age of a person buying alcohol at the club. The club requires the support of every member to ensure these laws are obeyed.

a) Kitchen

The kitchen is the responsibility of the Bar and Catering Manager. To maintain control of standards and materials, and compliance with health, safety and food regulations, members may not enter the kitchen, or use the kitchen facilities.

b) BBQ

The BBQ comes under the responsibilities of the Bar and Catering Officer. Members may only use the facility by prior agreement with him or by arrangement with the Bar and Catering Officer. This arrangement should include instruction on the safe use of the fuel. Those using the BBQ are required to clean up after themselves.

18. Car Park

The car park has a posted speed limit of 5mph. Members exceeding this speed limit, or operating a vehicle in an inappropriate way, may have his or her rights to park in the club carpark withdrawn.

19. Smoking & Vaping

Smoking and/or vaping is not permitted indoors anywhere in the club or on tennis courts. Smoking and vaping are only permitted at the end of the car park next to the squash courts/ court 11 when there are no players on court 11.

If there are players on court 11, members wishing to smoke or vape, must do so outside the club's front gate.

20. Purchases

Credit will not be given for anything purchased from the club.

21. Trading in Competition with the Club

Members shall not trade in competition with the club, through its arrangements with the club shop and head coach, by buying or selling within the club environment goods or services normally provided through those channels, e.g.

- stringing,
- balls,
- coaching lessons,
- sports clothing

If in doubt, ask for guidance from the club committee, Withers Intersport manager or head coach.

Members shall not avoid paying the club the appropriate fees for use of facilities such as courts and floodlights by, for instance, obtaining meter cards on the open market.

22. Dogs

Dogs, other than guide or service dogs, shall not be admitted to the ground or clubhouse, except in motor vehicles from which they may not be removed.

23. Complaints and Reporting Procedures

Any complaint in respect of the club, its staff, the members or other persons using the club should be made in writing to the club president via manager@leicestershire-tennis.co.uk. The president and if necessary, the committee will consider the complaint and their decision will be final. In no circumstances shall club staff be reprimanded by a member or junior.

24. Suspension from the Club

If at any time at their absolute discretion the committee shall be of the opinion that a member has contravened any of the rules of the club it may suspend that member from all or any of the privileges to which he or she is entitled by virtue of their membership or other association with the club for such period as the committee may deem appropriate. Before a decision is made, the committee shall inform the member by letter of the nature and substance of the complaint against him or her indicating a place, time and date (being not less than 10 days from the date of such letter) when any verbal or written representations that such member may wish to make will be considered by the committee. If after consideration, a majority of the committee members present shall agree to the suspension, the member shall be suspended forthwith and the committee shall inform the member by letter of such suspension and the terms thereof.

26. LTA Registered Venue

The Club is an LTA Registered Venue and adheres to the policies and procedures of the LTA. This includes the requirement to have a Club Welfare Officer, and to have policies covering the use of photography, risk assessments for tournaments etc. The current Welfare Officer is Nigel Hunter.
Email: nigel@wedotennis.co.uk
Tel: 07810 308283.

a) Equality

As a matter of settled policy, this club is equally open to members of all races, religions, colours, abilities and orientations. All members are expected to avoid any behaviour that might be construed as contravening this policy. In particular, any form of verbal or physical abuse in contravention of this policy will not be tolerated, and will be dealt with under the disciplinary code.

b) Child Protection

This club should be a safe place for children at all times. The club has procedures in place for ensuring that people who work with children at the club are suitable and trained, that appropriate procedures are used when planning to take children on trips and matches, and that the photography of children within the club is regulated. Details of the policies and procedures are available in the clubhouse. The details of the club's appointed Welfare Officer are posted on the notice board.

Members are required and expected to behave appropriately towards junior members and to use vigilance and awareness concerning inappropriate behaviour by others at the club.

Members are required to follow the designated procedures as necessary, and to co-operate with coaches, support volunteers and staff with the collection of necessary permissions and data.

Juniors, under 14 years old must not be left unsupervised at the Club. The Club staff should not be expected to and will not provide supervision outside of designated coaching.

27. Discipline

Each member agrees as a condition of membership to be bound by and subject to these rules (as in force from time to time).

Furthermore, in compliance with the conditions of the club's registration under the LTA's "Places to Play" process, which seeks to standardise some elements of rules and disciplinary codes across the country, each tennis-playing member agrees as a condition of membership to be bound by and subject to the Rules and the Disciplinary Code of the LTA.

The above rule confers a benefit on the LTA and, subject to the remaining provisions of this rule, is intended to be enforceable by the LTA by virtue of the contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999. For the avoidance of doubt, the members do not intend that any term of these rules, apart from the above rule should be enforceable, by virtue of the contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999, by any person who is not a party to this agreement.

The committee reserves the right to discipline as appropriate, or terminate the membership of, any person in connection with the breach of any of these rules.

If a member is unhappy with a decision to suspend or terminate membership a member may appeal in writing to the committee stating their reasons for such an appeal. The appeal will then be heard by members of the committee not involved with the original decision.

Under LTA rules, any member dissatisfied with disciplinary action taken by the committee has recourse to the Appeals Committee of the LTA.

28. Officers and Committee Members

Their powers and responsibilities, the rules for their election etc. are defined in the Articles of Association of the Leicestershire Lawn Tennis Club Limited. A copy of this document is available for inspection in the club office, and on the club website.

29. Illegal Activities

The club has a zero tolerance to illegal activities anywhere on club property. Any suspicion or evidence of any illegal activity will be taken seriously, investigated and reported to the relevant authorities. Any member involved may be have their membership suspended pending an investigation.

30. Interpretation of Rules

The committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of these rules, and the decision of the Committee upon any question of interpretation, or upon any matter affecting the club and not provided for by these rules, shall be final and binding on all members.

Any matters not provided for either in the Articles of Association of the Club, or these rules of the club, shall be decided from time to time by the committee.