

FAIRFIELD TENNIS CLUB – RULES & GOVERNENCE

1) NAME

The name of the Club shall be "Fairfield Tennis Club"

1a) GENERAL RULES

- (i) The FHMC Directors shall be able to close courts to Members and to the general public for maintenance or for special reasons such as matches, tournaments or hiring to local schools or other outside bodies. A notice will be posted wherever possible, in the Monthly Newsletter, via email or on social media sites such as Facebook.
- (ii) Courts will be reserved for Club sessions, coaching etc, on a regular basis and the current list of such reservations shall be available on the booking system of fairfieldhall.net
- (iii) Courts can only be booked through the booking form on fairifeldhall.net. Members may book courts 60 days in advance.
- (iiii) A player who has booked a particular court at a particular time can ask another player using that court to vacate it. If players are waiting to play, those players on court should come off at the end of the game being played.
- (v) If a court is not booked, no player has the right to ask another player (Adult or Junior) to move. If a player has not used a booked court within 20 minutes of the start of the booking time the right to the booked court is lost.
- (vi) Glass of any kind is not allowed on the courts. No chewing gum is allowed on courts. Rubbish must be taken home or placed in the appropriate bin.
- (vii) Respect other players; do not walk across courts that are in use; walk along the back (behind the baseline), but only between points.
- (viii) Swearing, abusive behaviour, excessive shouting or making undue noise on court is not acceptable. Avoid any damage to tennis fixtures and fittings and never throw a racket. Players should refrain from spitting whilst on club premises.
- (viii) Dress on court is an important issue. At all times all players must wear acceptable tennis clothing whether playing indoors or outdoors. Bare torsos or similar indiscretions will not be tolerated. It is especially important that non-marking and non-damaging tennis shoes are worn to avoid injury and damage to the courts.
- (x) The use of a mobile phone is not permitted on any court.

1b) OUTDOOR TENNIS COURTS

- (i) Out of consideration for our neighbours play is not permitted before 8.00am (9.00am on Sunday) nor after 8.00 pm. The courts cannot be used for anything other than tennis unless the FHMC Directors have specifically agreed such use.
- (ii) If a player (Member or visitor) is unable to use their booked court they should notify the Club as soon as possible and no later than 30 minutes before play is due to commence. If no notification is received, then membership may be revoked without a refund.
- (iii) If a ball is hit outside of any fence, players must only use the gate to retrieve the ball and must not under any circumstance climb over any fence.

The club asks members to look after our facilities, to be considerate to all members and their guests and to recognise the etiquette of play. In particular, parents are asked to remind junior members of the following code of conduct:

1. take all your rubbish home or place it in a bin provided
2. do not ride bicycles, skateboard etc. on the courts

2) OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Club shall be: -

- (i) To promote the sport of tennis and encourage community participation in the same.
- (ii) To maintain the tennis club grounds at Fairfield Hall for the benefit of Members.
- (iii) To build and maintain a strong relationship with the local community and provide access to the Club's facilities for the benefit of the community.
- (iv) The Club shall be non profit making.
- (v) To do all such other things as the FHMC Directors thinks fit to further the interests of the Club, to advance and safeguard the interests of the Game and the local community, to promote increases in participation at all levels of the Game or as are otherwise incidental or conducive to the attainment of all or any of the objects stated in this Rule 3. Any profits will not be distributed amongst its Members, but shall go back into the Club.

3) RESIGNATION

Any Member may resign his/her membership by giving to the Directors notice in writing to that effect. No refunds will be given however.

4) EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

If at any time the FHMC Directors shall be of the opinion that the interests of the Club so require, they may by letter invite any Member to resign from the club within a time specified in the letter. If his/her resignation is not received within the specified time, the question of his/her expulsion shall be submitted to a Directors Meeting to be held within the following 3 weeks. The Member whose expulsion is sought shall be allowed to offer an explanation of his/her conduct to the meeting verbally or in writing, & if 2/3rds of the Directors present shall vote for his/her expulsion he/she shall thereupon cease to be a Member of the Club or to have any claim on Club property & shall not be entitled to any refund of any part of any subscription paid. The voting at any such meeting shall be by ballot.