



## **Laytown & Bettystown Lawn Tennis Club**

### **Club Rules & Etiquette**

#### **Code of conduct**

1. Show respect and courtesy to your opponent(s), your partner, and others on or near the courts. Keep your voice down (including loud grunting during points and screaming after points) and confined to your court as much as possible so as not to disrupt players on adjacent courts.
2. Bad language is not tolerated.
3. Verbal abuse of any club member, club committee or its officers may result in immediate expulsion from the club.
4. Do not walk onto another court during a game, please wait for the players to finish the game, or minimally the point, before walking onto/behind their court. It is very distracting to have someone disrupt a game in progress, so if you must cross another court, do so after the game is finished, and go around the court, not through the middle.
5. Players generally re-take the point if a ball from another game lands on their court. A first serve will apply in this instance.
6. If your ball rolls onto an adjacent court, wait for them to finish the point and kindly ask for "a little help" to get their attention. Under no circumstances should you run over onto their court in the middle of a point to retrieve the ball yourself.
7. Respect your Partner and Opponent.
8. Do not criticise your partner or opponent, be positive and offer encouragement your partner instead.
9. Line Calls: Line calls can be hard to see from the other side of the court so you must call your own lines, ensuring your opponent can hear you. A ball that touches any part of the line is good. Always respect the line calls of your opponent because s/he is nearer than you.
10. Food/chewing gum is not permitted on courts.
11. No ball games except for tennis are allowed on court.

#### **Tennis Attire**

- Proper tennis attire should be worn on the courts at all times.
- For competition and league play predominately white tennis clothing should be worn.
- Rugby and football jerseys and shorts are not permitted.
- Members should ensure that they wear proper tennis shoes appropriate for the synthetic grass surface of our courts.
- Casual shoes or road running footwear are not appropriate.
- Please ensure that you wipe your feet on the mats provided before going on to the courts or entering the clubhouse.



## **Court Booking**

- Senior members have priority over junior members to courts. Court booking is a facility available to senior members only.
- Courts can be booked online via memberGRIP up to 7 days in advance, on a rolling day basis. (Please note you will need to know your login details). Only one booking per member per day is permitted.
- A senior member who is playing with a junior member cannot book the court in advance.
- **Bookings by telephone or text are not permitted.**

**Note:** during league fixtures, some matches inevitably finish sooner than others. As a courtesy to both teams, social games are not permitted on vacant courts that are directly adjacent to a league match.

## **Cancellation of courts**

Please keep in mind that when you book a court this reduces court availability to other members. The online court booking system has a facility for a member to put themselves on a waiting list for a particular court. Therefore if you are unable to keep the booking arrangement please cancel the court and allow the waiting list to be activated. If we continue to have courts booked that are not used we will have to review the booking procedure and restrict the booking facility.

## **Please Note**

From time to time club will organise events which require court usage that members have previously booked. In such instances the system administrators may have to overwrite bookings. The club and committee will keep these instances to a minimum and if it is unavoidable, those whose bookings have been overwritten will receive a call.