

## Tennis club play categories for adult members and nominated juniors

In an effort to ensure fair and quality playing opportunities for members of differing abilities, Sydenham Tennis Club operates separate club play sessions each within a fun and social setting. These club play sessions are detailed on the website.

As an adult member or nominated junior, you have the opportunity to participate in club play, if you wish. We aim to advise you of your playing category and which club play is most suitable, preferably when you join or otherwise as soon as possible afterwards.

The tennis committee is responsible for the standards of club play and advising members their category. On joining, members will normally be given an initial recommendation by a designated volunteer working within the committee's delegated authority.

The club's policy regarding playing categories is available in the members' area of the [website](#).

If you have any questions or concerns about your category, including if you are not sure which category you are or if you would like to be re-assessed, please contact us by emailing [info@sltcc.co.uk](mailto:info@sltcc.co.uk) or speak to any member of the tennis committee.

**Advanced** club play requires a player to have the following traits:

- has mastered the use of power and spin
- can hit winners and force errors
- has sound foot work
- can control depth
- can hit first serves in with assertion
- be able to approach the net with success
- mastered doubles play court craft and understanding of court positioning

**Intermediate** club play requires a player to have the following traits:

- has consistent shots on both sides (i.e. backhand and forehands)
- has the ability to use a variety of shots
- can place the first serve and force some errors
- has some net skills including overhead smash.
- use of tactics during doubles play and developing court craft.

**Improver** club play requires a player to have the following traits:

- can place shots with moderate success
- can sustain a rally of slow pace but may not be comfortable with all shots
- may lack control when trying power
- uses the rules of the game and main court positioning during doubles play.

**Beginner** club play assists players work towards:

- some sense of shot anticipation
- limited court coverage
- keeping the ball in play with others of the same ability
- (please note that Beginners of all abilities are welcome to Beginner club play)