

Sydenham Tennis and Racketball Information for new members

Welcome to Sydenham Tennis and Racketball!

Here is some useful information about the club to help you get the most out of your membership. If you have any questions about playing tennis or racketball at Sydenham please contact the Membership Secretary, Christine Hensby at info@sltcc.co.uk who is always happy to help.

Getting started

The best way to meet and play with other club members is to come along to club play. Adult sessions are organised by categories of playing ability, Advanced, Intermediate, Improvers and Beginners. If you aren't sure which category you fall into, come to the Wednesday night session (between 18:00 and 20:00) initially and the supervisor will be able to advise you. Details of club night sessions can be found at www.sltcc.co.uk/members/. If Wednesday evenings aren't convenient, please contact info@sltcc.co.uk to arrange an individual assessment.

Alternatively, if you would like to arrange a game with another member you can find their contact details on the list of current members in the clubhouse foyer as well as in the online [Members Directory](#). We look forward to seeing you on court!

Court availability

At Sydenham there is no need to book a court. You can simply turn up and play. All members, including juniors, have equal rights to the courts – aside from when club play sessions are taking place, during inter-club matches and during official coaching hours.

An overview of court allocation and the court rotation rule, which governs how long members can stay on court during busy times, can be found at www.sltcc.co.uk/members/. Notices are also displayed on the courts and in the clubhouse foyer.

The online Tennis Court Calendar provides day-by-day information about court availability as well as providing the opportunity to book selected courts. Members are provided with a user name and password to access the Tennis Court Calendar when they join.

Lights

Light meters take £1 and 20p coins and are located in the clubhouse foyer (courts 1 & 2) and the squash building (courts 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7). Warning beacons either on the courts or the side of the squash courts (courts 3, 4, 5) flash approximately 10 minutes prior to the lights going out. Please note that if you want to extend the lights you should feed the meters before the lights go out otherwise you will need to wait until the lights have cooled down before you can use them again.

Tennis leagues

The club runs mixed singles, women's and off-peak box leagues and players of all standards are encouraged to join. You can join the leagues by contacting the league organiser, Gillian, at gillian.bartlett@sltcc.co.uk.

Tennis teams

Sydenham has nine adult teams in the Kent leagues – four Men's, three Ladies and one Mixed – and a Men's team in the AEGON league. We have vacancies across all the teams, so if you would like to represent the club, either on a regular or ad hoc basis, please contact the team organiser Jeff Richards at jeff.richards@rcn.org.uk.

Coaching

Sydenham provides individual and group coaching for juniors and adults. To find out more about times, availability and fees for group coaching, please contact our coaching administrator Matt, at matt.borthwick@sltcc.co.uk or visit the coaching page on our website. For information about individual one-to-one coaching contact the coaches at info@sltcc.co.uk.

Free racketball membership

The club extends free racketball membership to tennis members aged 12 and over. Racketball rackets and balls are available and are kept in the squash courts gallery. The padlock code is 4217. Please ensure you return the equipment and lock it again when finished.

If you need help arranging your first game or would like an introduction to racketball, please call either Pete Edwards on 020 8690 3014 or Harry Cole on 07787 570 326.

British Tennis Membership and Wimbledon tickets

We automatically enrol all new tennis members in the LTA's British Tennis membership scheme (unless they have indicated that they do not wish to join). Membership is free of charge to affiliated club members and entitles you to free entry into the club's Wimbledon draw. For more information about the benefits of membership, visit www.lta.org.uk/members/join/

Playing visitors

Members may bring an occasional guest on payment of the visitors fee for a limited number of visits (three times a year) before guests are asked to join as a playing member. Fees are £5 for adults and £3 for juniors. The fee is payable by purchasing the appropriate number of £1 stamps from the machine in the club foyer and placing them in the Visitors Book along with the name of the visitor and the member. Please note that the stamp machine only accepts £1 coins.

Keeping up-to-date with news and events

You can keep up with news and events at the club by following us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/sltcc and liking our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/sydenhamtennis. Information about social events and other news is also available at www.sltcc.co.uk/events/. From time-to-time the club also circulates information to members about club events and activities by email. If you would like to receive this information, please ensure that the club has your up-to-date email address.