

## Tennis section

### Playing categories policy

The Board has delegated decisions on adult and junior members moving categories to the tennis committee and decisions about moving category will be made at tennis committee meetings. In practice these decisions are informed by tennis coaches, club play supervisors and/or designated volunteers.

Tennis coaches – Toby Yates  
Improvers/intermediate supervisor - Susan Finch  
Juniors supervisors – Bill Buah  
Beginners supervisor – Bill Buah  
Designated volunteer – Anthony Marien

All members are encouraged to come to club play sessions appropriate to their category.

All NEW members are usually invited to attend Wednesday evenings as their first contact with the club – unless a prior arrangement is made due to convenience or the talent of the player\*.

When a player is ready to move/join a category, they will be nominated by either their coach and/or the club play supervisors and their name put forward at the next committee meeting.

Members may nominate themselves but will have to arrange for an assessment to be carried out with a designated volunteer working within the committee's delegated authority at a mutually convenient time. A decision will be made based on coaching/club play supervisor recommendation and on evidence of skill and etiquette. If the committee feels a move is not appropriate at that time it will not be sanctioned. Any decision made at committee meetings regarding a player's move must be communicated to the player concerned as soon as possible after the meeting. This may be a verbal communication initially which must be followed up with a written notice of the committee's decision.

In exceptional circumstances, where a member is ready to move /join a category before the next committee meeting, they may do so providing the club play supervisor (for Improvers club play) and/or committee members (for Sunday morning/Thursday night club play) are informed prior to the member attending. At the next committee meeting the decision will then be ratified providing the member concerned has met the appropriate standard of play and levels of etiquette. The committee reserves the right not to ratify a move.

When juniors are moving categories special considerations need to be taken into account:

- Child protection and supervision for under 16 year olds – supervision/mentoring is not available on Sunday mornings or Thursday evenings;
- The view of the supervisors/coaches who are in contact with the juniors and their recommendations.

More information about playing category assessments and the playing traits required for each category can be found in the members area of the [website](#).

\*In these cases the tennis committee should arrange for the member/prospective member to play with an advanced tennis member(s) to test their standard and report back to the committee.