



# **NAPTON TENNIS CLUB HANDBOOK**



# Helpful Information for Members

## Clubmark

Napton Tennis Club has been awarded Clubmark by the LTA. Clubmark is a quality assurance scheme which ensures that as a club we have in place the necessary policies and procedures to operate effectively and we comply with all relevant child welfare legislation. It gives our members the confidence that the club is being run efficiently providing you with a playing programme and facilities that best meet your needs.

## Access to the courts

Membership includes the provision of one key per family or individual adult member. We would recommend that juniors (under 11) do not play unattended. However, you know your family best, and it is your decision. You are responsible for your family junior members.

As you may know, the vehicle entrance to the site off the Priors Marston road is protected by a locked gate (details available from a Committee member). **Please remember to lock the gate if you are the last player to leave the site.** Do remember you can also walk to the site along the footpath from Fells Lane or use the pedestrian gate adjacent to the main gate.

## Clothing / footwear

We would recommend you wear tennis or sports clothing - any colours are allowed. In summer children should wear hats and sun screen.

**We must insist** that you wear suitable sports footwear. You **CANNOT** wear astro turf trainers as these will damage the courts.

## Times of use

The courts are used regularly for coaching and matches, full details of court usage are on our website [www.naptontennis.co.uk](http://www.naptontennis.co.uk) and a list of league match dates is displayed on the noticeboard outside the clubhouse .

Matches are usually on Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings and coaching runs throughout the week at different times. As a member you are free to use the courts at all other times.

Adult club sessions:- Wednesday evenings 6.30pm onwards. All welcome - just turn up and play, balls provided. Please see **Club sessions** below or contact one of the Committee members for details (see our website).

## What you get for your membership

- **Use of the courts** - for the cost of your annual membership fee, you can use the courts free of charge throughout the year. Please check our Club Programme giving court availability and coaching times (a copy can be found on the noticeboard outside the clubhouse and on our website). Please note - matches and coaching take priority.
- **Floodlights** - these may be operated by purchasing tokens from any Committee member and cost £1.00 per 30 mins. The machine for the tokens is to the left of the gate. **Lights must go off at 10.00pm at the latest.**
- **Club sessions** - these take place on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm. Open to adults and older teenagers. (Floodlights are free and balls are provided). A tennis member will be on duty to organise short sets of doubles and this is a brilliant opportunity to get to know other members and to play people of all abilities.
- **Coaching** - The club is extremely lucky to have an LTA qualified coach, Lee Moreton, who offers a wide programme to suit all ages and abilities. Lee may be contacted on 07990 971036 or by email through Wendy Hatfield at [wendy@a-tec-systems.co.uk](mailto:wendy@a-tec-systems.co.uk)

Access to the courts between lessons means you can practice those new shots and be ready to learn something else the following week! Members are entitled to priority booking and a favourable rate for coaching. We also run tennis camps (OPEN TO ALL JUNIOR PLAYERS) during the main school holidays - if you would like details of future camps, please contact Lee (above). Details of coaching sessions and events can be found on our website [www.naptontennis.co.uk](http://www.naptontennis.co.uk), will be emailed to all members in advance, can be found on the noticeboard outside the clubhouse and will also appear in the Napton Parish Magazine.

- **Club matches** - for those players who are more competitive, there is the chance to compete at club level. Any members interested in playing for the teams should contact either Mark Street (mens team) on 07525 248245, Sue Kluth (ladies A team) on 01926 815443 or Jayne Warman on 01926 817747, Claire Postins (ladies B team) 01926 815396.
- **Social events** - we regularly organise friendly tournaments for club members (usually involving homemade cakes!). For forthcoming dates, please see our website [www.naptontennis.co.uk](http://www.naptontennis.co.uk) and watch out for details on our Facebook page, in the Parish Magazine or on the noticeboards at the courts. We will also email you with details nearer the time.
- **LTA membership** - as club members you have automatic membership of the LTA which entitles you to sign up for free with British Tennis Membership:

- **BTM (British Tennis Membership)** - we ask that when you join Napton Tennis Club you sign up with British Tennis <https://www.lta.org.uk/Members/Join/> Membership is free and entitles you to loads of free offers and information e.g. discounts and pre-sales on tickets for events; a monthly newsletter; online members area; loyalty points scheme. It also helps the club if we want to apply for grants and support from the LTA.
- **Wimbledon Tickets** - Club and BTM Adult members who have 'Opted In', completed a Membership Form and paid their subscription on time, are eligible to apply for tickets. Winning tickets restricted to one pair per family.
- **Clubhouse** - the clubhouse provides a welcome shelter from the elements, with a noticeboard on the veranda giving helpful information.
- **Pavilion** - completed in 2007, this modern building provides kitchen, changing and toilet facilities.

## Tennis Etiquette

A few notes on the finer points of best behaviour on a tennis court:

- Talk quietly when standing near tennis courts that are in use.
- Never walk behind a court when a point is still in play. Wait until the point is over and then cross as fast as possible.
- Always come prepared. Bring not only balls, but towels and water to drink when it is hot.
- Mark your tennis balls and be aware of the appearance of the balls used by those on adjacent courts.
- Don't criticize your partner, offer encouragement.
- Call your own lines and let your opponent hear the call. If the ball is good, say nothing and play on.
- If there is a disagreement, offer a let. In other words, replay the point, even if it was a second service.
- Switch off and do not use your mobile phone on court.

- Smoking, chewing gum and breakables are not permitted on the courts.
- Put your rubbish in the bins provided.
- Wind the nets down after use - one or two turns of the handle is enough, otherwise the cable comes out of the winding mechanism.
- Please respect our neighbours and keep noise to a minimum.
- It is very important to leave the site secure when not in use, please ensure the gate is locked if you are the last to leave the site.

Thank you.

## Visitors

Visitors may use the courts as long as they are accompanied by a member and pay a visitor's fee of £2.00 per person. Please pay the fee to the club member for him/her to pass on to a Committee member. **Guests may only play 4 times before they are required to become members themselves.**

## Insurance

Please note that you are NOT insured via the club, and use the facilities at your own risk.

## Other Sports

**Astro -Turf bookings-** contact Sarah Barfield on 01926 814995

**Football -** David Gunby (secretary) on 01926 815724

**Cricket -** Mike Eadon on 01926 812473

