

West End Tennis Club

1. **Membership** shall be open to all and there shall be no limit to the number of members. The Committee can refuse membership if the applicant is considered a threat to the wellbeing of the Club.
2. **Age limit.** Children under 11 years must be accompanied by an adult.
3. **Shoes.** Only flat soled tennis shoes may be worn on the courts. No ribbed-soled or waffle bottom training shoes may be worn as they can damage the court surface. Members are responsible for correct shoes being worn by their guests on court.
4. **Security.** Members **must lock the gate** while playing on court to prevent unauthorised access. Players, on leaving the court, must slacken the net and lock the gate. Non-members **must lock gate 2** while playing and on leaving the courts re-lock the gate and return the key immediately to Shiv Convenience Store or other such place as the Committee shall nominate.
5. **Use of the courts.** Members may play as frequently as they wish. If there are others waiting to use the courts, players may only occupy a court for one hour.
 - (a) A member may invite one (non-member) guest to play at any one time.
 - (b) Non-members shall have access to court 3 at a charge of £5 per hour during shop opening hours on a "first come first served" basis. On payment of deposit of £5 (together with the court fee) a key to gate 2 will be obtainable from Shiv Convenience Store or other such place as the committee shall nominate The key must be returned immediately after play and the deposit shall be returned.
 - (c) Non-members have priority on court 3 and members must immediately vacate court 3 if a non-member, having obtained the key, arrives on court.
 - (d) Use of the tennis courts for any activity other than playing tennis is forbidden. Members or their offspring or guests found abusing this rule will be banned from the club and from playing tennis on the WETC courts indefinitely.
 - (e) Bicycles, scooters and roller skates must not be taken on to the courts, even for safekeeping. For safekeeping purposes, during play, bicycles can be chained to the fencing on the outside of the courts.
6. **Evenings and Sunday afternoon play.** On weekdays and Saturdays after 5 pm and on Sundays after 12:30 pm the courts will be for the use of club members only.
7. **Membership key fobs.** Each individual member or member family will be issued with a membership key fob bearing a number. The membership key and fob must be carried by any member when using the courts and shown to a member of the committee on request. The membership key and fob remain the property of the Club and must be returned should a member wish to cancel membership or move away from WestEnd.

Membership fobs are not transferable and may not be lent to a non-member. Any member found to be contravening this rule will lose their club

membership for the remainder of the year. There will be a charge of £10 for replacing any lost keys and/or fobs.

8. **Subscriptions** shall be £40 per family or £25 per individual (to be reviewed at least on an annual basis) to be paid on 1st March each year. Each member household will be given a key and numbered key fob to Gate 1. The padlock will be changed each year on or about 1st March and a new key will be obtainable on payment of the renewed annual membership fee.
9. **Joining fee.** This will be a one-off payment of £15 (under regular review).
10. The name of the club shall be **West End Tennis Club**.
11. **The aims of the club** are to:
 - (a) Encourage the playing of tennis in West End.
 - (b) Give the opportunity to play and learn tennis to those who do not necessarily wish to play competitive tennis.
12. The club will be managed by a committee consisting of:
 - Chairperson
 - Vice Chairperson
 - Honorary Secretary
 - Honorary Treasurer
 - Membership SecretaryTwo other members, one of whom shall be a Parish Council nominee.
13. The **Annual General Meeting** will be held in the first quarter of each year. The committee will meet regularly and any items for the Agenda are to be put in writing to the Secretary or Chairperson.
14. In the event of the winding up of the Club any funds held in the name of the Club shall be used to defray any/all outstanding accounts and any residue of funds shall be passed to West End Parish Council to be held in trust for the future repair and maintenance of the courts for the benefit of the village.
15. **Management.** Any grievances, problems or suggestions must be submitted in writing to the Secretary.
16. Any matters arising not covered by these rules shall be dealt with by the committee and its decision will be final. The committee has the right to deny or revoke membership of any individual not complying with these rules.
17. The committee's decision will be final.