

THE CONNAUGHT CLUB TENNIS SECTION RULES
(Incorporating Pickleball as from 1 October 2025)
Approved at Tennis AGM 26 October 2025
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1 Play

Tennis play shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Lawn Tennis Association. Pickleball play shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of Pickleball England.

2 Tennis Committee

The Committee shall consist of: -

- (a) Tennis Captain
- (b) Tennis Vice-Captain
- (c) Honorary Tennis Secretary
- (d) Honorary Tennis Match Secretary
- (e) Tennis Social Representative
- (f) Tennis Facilities and Playing Surfaces Representative
- (g) Parent Representative of Junior Tennis
- (h) Pickleball Representative
- (i) Up to two additional Members of the Tennis Section

- 2.1 Three members of the Tennis Committee shall be elected to represent the Tennis section at the Management Committee meetings. The Committee shall be responsible to the Management Committee for the management of the affairs of the Tennis Section.
- 2.2 The Club Head Tennis Coach and the Club Head Tennis Performance Coach are invited to attend Tennis Committee meetings to discuss and report on tennis coaching, events and competition programmes. They are ex-officio members of the Tennis Committee and shall not have a vote.

3 Dress Code

The dress code for the Tennis Section will be recognised tennis or pickleball attire **ONLY** with non-marking tennis shoes. Connaught tennis coaching, elite tennis and match team colours are blue and white.

4 Tennis Season / Membership

- 4.1 The Tennis Season shall commence on 1 April when subscriptions are due. The Pickleball season shall commence on 1 October when subscriptions are due.
- 4.2 Occasionally the Club offers incentives for new playing members to join at a reduced subscription rate for the first year. This only applies to new players who have not been a member of the Connaught Club within the last 3 years.

5 General Meetings

- 5.1 A Tennis Section Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 31 October at which the Officers and Committee of the Section for the coming year shall be elected. Twenty-one days' notice of such a meeting shall be given to all Members of the Section, and such Notice shall request Members within seven days thereof to submit, in writing, to the Honorary Tennis Secretary resolutions and nominations, which must be duly proposed and seconded. All nominations must be accompanied by the written consent of the nominees.
- 5.2 The Tennis Committee may, at any time, call a General meeting of the Members of the Section. Twenty-one days' notice of such a Meeting shall be given to all Members of the Section, and such notice shall specify the objects of such meeting and any resolutions to be submitted thereto, together with the names of the proposer and seconder of any resolutions. A meeting of the Tennis Section must be called within one calendar month of the receipt of a requisition, in writing, signed by 25 Ordinary or Life members of the Tennis Section. Such a requisition must specify the object of such a Meeting and any resolution to be submitted thereto together with the names of the proposer and seconder of such resolution.

6 Conditions of Play and Competitions

- 6.1 A court-booking rota will operate and members should vacate the courts promptly at the end of their reserved court time when other members are waiting.
- 6.2 When members have finished playing on the shale courts, they are required to drag the courts and brush the lines. Courts used for coaching are required to be dragged after each coaching session. In dry conditions members should water the court before play commences.
- 6.3 Members are asked to observe the following Rules of Court etiquette.
- 6.4 Noise should be kept to a minimum during play to avoid distracting players on other courts.
- 6.5 Do not pass or cross-courts whilst a point is in action. Please wait until invited by those players on court.
- 6.6 Midweek membership runs from 8.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday **ONLY**. All midweek members must vacate the courts by 4.00pm.
- 6.7 A Tennis or pickleball member may bring along a visitor to play no more than 4 times in the Tennis or pickleball calendar year as appropriate. All visitors must be registered with the office and a visitor's fee paid of £10 (or the going rate where increases have been agreed).
- 6.8 The Tennis Committee shall determine the conditions for the Annual Club competitions. Competitors in Club Competitions shall be priority users of the courts and Members not playing in such Competitions shall, on request, vacate their court.

- 6.9 The Tennis Committee may, at any time, reserve any or all of the courts for the purposes of Tournaments, Club or County Matches. When all courts are fit for play the Captain of the team shall have choice of surface.
- 6.10 Rules covering the Junior Section and the allocation of Courts for outside tournaments will be determined by the Tennis Committee and displayed on the court booking system.
- 6.11 Rules covering the Pickleball Section and the allocation of Courts for Pickleball play, and outside tournaments will be determined by the Tennis Committee and displayed on the court booking system.
- 7 In any matter expressly provided for in these rules, the Tennis Committee, or if the question be urgent, the Captain or Vice-Captain, shall decide what action shall be taken.
- 8 Any alteration of, or addition to these rules may be made by a majority of Members present and voting in a General Meeting of the Tennis Section. Such alteration or addition would be subject to the approval of the Management Committee.

Approved by Tennis Section AGM 25 October 2025 and Connaught AGM 8th February 2026