

Rochdale Tennis Club: Court Etiquette and Code of Conduct

We try to run the club on a friendly and informal basis; however, some basic rules need to be applied to ensure the club runs smoothly.

General

- Please leave the courts free of litter and take your rubbish home with you. Do not chew gum or smoke on the courts.
- Appropriate footwear must always be worn when entering the courts, these should have flat soles and no studs. We do not enforce any colour code for clothing but request that members do not play in jeans and that tops are worn at all times.
- At peak times doubles tennis must be played unless there are no other members waiting to use courts. Play must be limited to 45 minutes if people are waiting to use courts.
- Only members of Rochdale Tennis Club may use the courts unless approval is given by any Committee Member. Upon approval for a non-member to use the courts, a charge will be made and the fee paid to the Committee Member giving approval – the amount will be determined depending on the circumstances.

Court Etiquette

- All games must end by 10pm and no floodlights should be switched on after 9.30 to ensure they turn off by 10pm. This is a matter of common courtesy to our neighbours.
- Please always close gates to the courts upon leaving, along with doors to the changing rooms and floodlight box.
- Please try to keep noise to a minimum on the courts, and when leaving the premises.
- If no-one is waiting to use the courts after you are ready to leave – please slacken the nets slightly to reduce the pressure on the posts. This is done by turning the handle on one of the posts 2 rotations anti clockwise.
- Please do not walk behind players whilst a game, a rally or coaching is in progress, this is to avoid distracting other members and most importantly to avoid any potential accidents on court.
- If you are trying to cross a court please wait until you are invited to and it is safe to do so.
- If a stray ball comes onto your court don't knock it back immediately, wait until the owners are ready and then hit it to the server's end.

Use of changing rooms and Cricket Club

- Please use our changing room toilets rather than the Cricket Clubhouse toilets
- We are requested by the Cricket Club not to take tennis bags into the clubhouse. During and after matches team captains should ensure this is adhered to by both home and away teams and also that any food/rubbish is cleared up before leaving.

Respect and Behaviour

All Club members and Club officials must show tolerance, courtesy, good manners, fairness, honesty and integrity in their dealings with Club members, officials, Club members' guests, playing and social visitors.

Equality

The Club is opposed to discrimination in any form. All Club members have a responsibility to make everyone feel welcome and to ensure that membership of the club is a positive experience.

Safety and Responsibility

All Club members will act responsibly and look to protect and ensure the safety of everyone at the Club at all times and particularly to consider the well-being and care of junior players and visitors.

Fair Play

All Club members will respect the rules of tennis and address disputes with dignity and appropriate language.

Club Reputation

All Club members should endeavour to protect and further the Club's good reputation at all times. When representing the Club, all players and officials will observe the principles in this Code of Conduct.

Club Policies

The following Club policies are available on the Club website (rochdaletennisclub.co.uk) and copies are also displayed in the changing rooms: -

- Safeguarding Policy
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy
- Welfare Officer Information
- Flowchart detailing how to report a safeguarding concern
- Privacy Policy

Club Welfare Office

Our volunteer Club Welfare Office, Sue Davenport, is responsible for promoting safeguarding at Rochdale Tennis Club and helping to ensure that we have a safe and inclusive environment. Sue's contact details are displayed in the Club changing rooms.