

Rochdale Tennis Club Etiquette

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.

- Membership cards must be carried at all times when using the courts. Anyone unable to produce proof of membership may be asked to leave the premises.
 - Please do not chew gum or smoke on the courts.
 - Appropriate footwear must always be worn when entering the courts. We do not enforce any colour code for clothing but t-shirts must be worn at all times.
 - At peak times doubles tennis must be played unless there are no other members waiting to use courts. Court 5 must always be made available to juniors (except Wednesday evening) unless there are none present. 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. *Exception to rule when visiting teams play matches against Rochdale Racquets.*
 - 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 use court 1 if other courts are vacant.
 - 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.
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