



Beckington Tennis Association (BTA) Definitions and Rules

Including Codes of Practice

Mission Statement

'BTA exists to promote the participation and enjoyment of tennis for all within our community. All monies raised by the Association will be dedicated to the maintenance of the facilities, youth development and the furtherance of local tennis playing'

1. Definition of the BTA Geographical Area

- The Geographical Area includes the Ward of Beckington and Rode (which includes the communities of Berkley, Shawford, Rudge, Oldford, Tellisford, Woolverton and Standerwick) and the communities of Lullington, Laverton and Norton st Philip.

2. Life Associateship

- Applications for Life Associateship closed at the March 2006 AGM
- Life Associateship entitles a household the right to play tennis, at no further charge, on the BTA facilities in perpetuity
- Life Associateship applies to the household whether they remain in the Geographical area or not
- Court bookings per Life Associate household are restricted to 8 hours per week
- Life Associates are eligible to join the BTA committee
- Life Associates are eligible to vote at the annual AGM

3. Annual Associateship

- Households within the Geographical Area are invited to pay an annual Associateship fee which entitles the household to play tennis, at no further charge, on the BTA facilities
- Court bookings per Associate household are restricted to 8 hours per week
- Annual Associates who subsequently move out of the Geographical Area can retain their Annual Associateship status until the date of the next renewal. They can subsequently apply for Guest Associateship (See point 4) if they wish to continue using the BTA facilities.
- Annual Associates are eligible to join the BTA committee
- Annual Associates are eligible to vote at the annual AGM

4. Guest Associateship

- Households outside the Geographical Area may apply to use the BTA facilities with Guest Associateship status
- Guest Associateships are limited to 20 households subject to regular review by the Committee
- Guest Associateship will be reviewed annually and will be dependent upon the uptake and use of the courts with the Ward of Beckington and Rode and eligible communities (see point 1)
- Guest Associates are invited to pay an annual fee which entitles the household to play tennis, at no further charge, on the BTA facilities
- Court bookings per Guest Associate household are restricted to 8 hours per week, however, the BTA Committee reserves the right to restrict times of play without notice
- Guest Associates are not eligible to join the BTA committee
- Guest Associates are not eligible to vote at the annual AGM, with the exception of the Guest Associate Representative on the BTA Committee

5. Pay and Play

- Any individual living within the BTA Geographical Area (See point 1.) is entitled to use the courts on a Pay and Play basis
- Individuals living outside the BTA Geographical Area are not entitled to use the courts on a Pay and Play basis
- Court bookings for individuals who register to Pay and Play are restricted to 4 hours per week
- Pay and Players are not eligible to join the BTA committee
- Pay and Players are not eligible to vote at the annual AGM

6. Fees

- Annual invoices will be auto generated and emailed a month in advance
- Payment in full is required within 28 days of the invoice being sent
- Failure to pay will result in a suspension of Associate status and the associated benefits

7. British Tennis Membership

- Adults wishing to compete in competitions or tournaments, or to be entered into the annual Wimbledon ticket ballot, must have a British Tennis Membership (BTM) number. Children wishing to take part in Junior Coaching, competitions or tournaments must also have a BTM number. Go to 'My Details' on the website for more information

8. Guest Players

- Life Associates and Guest Associates are entitled to bring guests to play on the BTA courts. However, they are responsible for ensuring that all guests pay the current Pay and Play rate into the security box at the courts. (See Pay and Play section of the website for details)

9. Joining BTA/Registering for Pay and Play or Junior Coaching

- Anyone wishing to play tennis at the BTA courts must set up a Household Account on the BTA website (www.beckingtontennis.co.uk)

- To set up a Household Account you must be over 18 or have permission from parent/guardian

10. Rules for use of the Courts and Pavilion

- Appropriate, non-marking, sports trainers must be worn
- Bikes, Scooters, Rollerskates, Footballs etc are not allowed on the courts
- Please lower the net on completion of play
- Please ensure that the court gates and the main gate is locked when you leave
- Please do not leave any rubbish at the courts. There are no bins at the courts as the Council do not provide us with a Rubbish Collection
- The Pavilion is available to Associates and has a toilet, changing room and small kitchen. Please leave the facilities as you would expect to find them and please wash up and put away any cups and cutlery that you use.

11. Codes of Practice

- BTA is fully committed to Safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of Associates and non-Associates. We believe that it is important that everyone associated with the BTA should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, Associates and non-Associates are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the Association with any member of the Committee

Parents and Guardians are expected to abide by the following code of practice:

- Encourage your child to learn the rules of tennis and play within them
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results
- Never force your child to take part in sport
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes
- Publicly accept judgements made by officials
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport
- Use correct and proper language at all times
- Allow your child to play in the Mini Tennis colour stage that is appropriate for them. This will ensure they enjoy playing the game, develop their skills and gain confidence
- Be patient. Steady progression is unusual in children; peaks and plateaus are common
- Your first question following any match should be "Did you enjoy it?" not "Did you win?"
- At no stage should you communicate with your child or interfere with the on-court helpers or referees during a match – just enjoy the game and let the officials take care of the rules

Young people are expected to abide by the following code of practice:

- Must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions
- Must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity
- Should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions, or inform their coach if they are going to be late and respect their coach on court
- Must wear suitable kit for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach
- Junior Associates are not allowed to smoke on club premises or whilst representing the Association at competitions

- Junior Associates are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the Association

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