

Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis & Squash Club

Membership Terms and Conditions Oct 2024

The club accounting year runs from 1st October to the 30th September however the membership period runs continuously for 12 months from the date of joining. Notification/invoice to renewing members must be sent one month before their expiry date.

MEMBERSHIP TYPES

There are various categories of membership the fees for which are determined by the Board before the end of the preceding August.

Honorary Life Members. These cannot exceed 20 in number and are elected at an AGM held normally in January. Any existing member can nominate another member or member of staff for honorary life membership by writing to the Chairman before the preceding September and citing the reasons why such a membership should be considered. Criteria for such membership requires the individual to have given the club exceptional services over a period of time, well beyond what would be expected. If approved at the October Board meeting the person would be put up for election at the following AGM, the decision of the Board is final.

Life Members (Any changes must be voted at an AGM). Members can apply for life membership to take effect from their renewal date. The cost of such membership is dependent on the current age of the person applying and is calculated as a multiple of the full playing membership fee that applies on that date. As at the 30th September 2023 the multiples are as follows:

Age	Multiple of full playing membership
Under 30	20
30 to under 40	17.5
40 to under 50	15
50 to under 60	12.5
60 and over	7.5

There is a limitation on this category of membership of no more than 5% of the total adult playing membership. A Life member must also have been a Full Playing member for a minimum of 5 years.

Senior Membership. This category applies to any full playing member who, on their renewal date following their 65th birthday has completed 15 years of continuous full playing membership out of 17 years. If they meet that criteria they are eligible to a 33% discount on the full playing membership fee applying for that year and that of any subsequent year.

Country Membership. Country members benefit from a reduced membership fee, they qualify if they live 25 miles (as per Google maps shortest route) or more from the club.

Family Membership. Two adults living together can benefit from a family membership. All children under 18ys of age living at the same address are entitled to free membership.

Age Group Membership. We have different rates for certain age groups, Juniors (Under 8 to Under 18) and Under 21, Under 25 and Under 31, hence, anyone who is 31 or over should be paying the Full Playing rate.

Due to the cost of setting up a direct debit it is not financially feasible for Juniors to benefit from the direct debit facility, therefore juniors must pay in full unless a parent is a member and is on a direct debit scheme.

Student Membership. Students in full time education and under the age of 25 may qualify; proof of course enrolment may be requested and those on an Apprenticeship or a Graduate Apprenticeship are also eligible for this category.

Country Student Parent a Member. Students in full time education under the age of 25 and living more than 25 miles (as per Google maps shortest route) or more from the club, and with a parent as a member of the club may qualify; proof of course enrolment may be requested (No direct debit permitted).

Social Members. These members can use the bar and restaurant but cannot use the changing rooms, sauna or any of the playing facilities or the gym unless the appropriate visitors fee is paid in advance.

Temporary Members. This class of membership cannot pay by direct debit. Temporary membership is more expensive on a monthly basis than an annual membership. People can be temporary members of the club once in any one membership year for a period of one, two or three months.

Suspended Membership. Members can suspend their membership at any time during the membership year if due to serious illness or injury they write/email to the club in advance advising of such (A Doctors note may be requested). The period of suspension must be at least 6 months and the member must write/email the club explaining the circumstances before the suspension can take effect. If the member has paid in full for that year the club will hold a credit for them for a period of 12 months from the date the suspension begins to be applied against the next year's membership fees. After 12 months the credit will lapse.

PAYMENT.

Payment for members renewing their membership is due on or before their renewal date and can be made by cash, cheque, credit or debit card or through MyCourts. There is a small additional charge for payment by credit card or Stripe (Renewing on MyCourts). Members will be contacted by email and phone to renew. If no payment has been received by the renewal date the members access card will be deactivated and two weeks later will have their MyCourts membership made inactive.

Payment can also be made by monthly direct debit which for existing members will roll over from the previous year and reflect any increase in fees from their next renewal date.

If a direct debit is cancelled during the initial 12 months, a member may only rejoin if paid in full.

Joining Fee. New members or those with a break in their membership will be required to pay a £30 joining fee which will be added to their V1 Club Card for use in the club shop, bar and restaurant, Temporary members will be charged £10 (Not applicable for Junior members, Social Members).

VOTING STATUS

All categories of membership other than juniors (under 18) or temporary members are entitled to vote at any general meeting (AGM or EGM) and be members of any of the club committees.

VISITORS

A member can host up to 8 visitors during the membership year. A visitor fee must be paid using the MyCourts system before using the courts. Owing to the need for an induction before use of the gym, only ex members who have had an induction can use the gym as visitors, unless authorised by the Head of Fitness. It is expected that the member will host the visitor and encourage them to join the club after using the sports facilities, payment to use the gym can be made at reception.

Visitor Policy Non-Compliance – if a member brings a visitor without prior payment, a guest fee will be added retrospectively to the court booking, and an email sent by the General Manager; a second non-compliance, a letter/email will also be sent from the relevant Chair. A third non-compliance will result in a discussion at the Executive meeting where a suspension may be recommended.

PAY AND PLAY

Non-members can pay a fee to attend a fitness class, tennis class and squash/racketball class as agreed by each committee.

CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

It is the responsibility of the member to inform the club of any changes to their circumstances as soon as possible.

This document is reviewed by the Board annually in September.

Updated Oct 2024.