



Dear Junior/Intermediate Member

Thank you for joining Duffus Tennis Club. Some of you will have been members before and some of you will be familiar with the club through tennis coaching but with the school holidays approaching, the Club would like all the younger members to read the following guidelines, which are designed to promote safety and fairness on court.

- All members should have a shoe tag which they should wear while on court so that they can be identified as members. Collect yours, if you have not already got one, from Andrew Jarrett or Dan Cookson.
- If you bring a friend, it is your responsibility to collect visitor's fee (£2 per adult, £1 junior). You should give the money to either Andrew Jarrett or a member of the committee when you see them. This is important because the money collected by you, is used to maintain the courts (and club house) in order to keep them in good condition.
- Unfortunately, the ball does not always go where you want it to go - this happens to all of us. Before retrieving your ball from another court, please wait for a break in play to avoid accidents and distracting other players.
- If you are using Club tennis balls ensure you return them to the Club House after your game and remember to retrieve any that have gone over the fence.
- If the courts are busy, you may have to join other players or take turns. See below for the best times for access to courts.
- Court keys - this year, we are going to give Intermediate members (Secondary School Age) keys to the courts. Please use this responsibly and do not lend the key to anybody else. Keys will be available in the first week of the school holidays - details will be posted on the website. (www.duffustennisclub.org.uk/juniors.html)
- Junior members (Primary School Age) can collect a key from Luvian's in the Bonnygate, on production of their shoe tag.
- Please - no food on court . . . and all empty drinks bottles should be put in the bins outside the courts.

- If you are last off the court, please lock the padlock to keep the courts secure.
- Juniors/Intermediates should not be on court after dark.
- The Club would appreciate it if players (young and old) would occasionally drag the mats over the courts to improve their appearance.

During the summer holidays, you may not get on court at the following times:

Mornings, Monday to Thursday, for the first three weeks while coaching is taking place. If you are interested in coaching, please contact Andrew Jarrett. (www.duffustennisclub.org.uk/coaching.html)

Monday/Thursday evenings - league matches take place and the spare court is not available for Juniors or Intermediates who are not 'made up' for senior play. 'Made Up' status is awarded by the Club Committee to those Intermediate members who have the ability and maturity to play as seniors.

Sunday afternoon and Tuesday evening - these are for adult social tennis and courts for juniors/intermediates are not always available.

Last two weeks in August and first week in September - club championships will take place then. Timetable will be available in clubhouse. Junior/Intermediate matches may also take place then.

However, this will leave plenty of other times when you can play tennis on our top quality courts. Look out for details of our club championships, played in August and September. These will appear in the clubhouse about mid July. With so many junior and intermediate members, we can look forward to some exciting matches.

Tennis is a game which can be enjoyed whether you are a beginner or a budding Andy Murray. We hope you enjoy playing tennis and continue to play throughout the winter season on our all weather courts.

Alison Farrow
President
Duffus Tennis Club