



## ELM PARK GOLF AND SPORTS CLUB CLG

### TENNIS CLUB BYELAWS

#### REGULATIONS COVERING THE USE OF COURTS

##### 1. Court Priorities

- 1.1. **Competitions** – Priority for court bookings will be league inter-club matches, club matches, competitions, tournaments, organised social events. A member of the committee or other authorised person will block book the courts upon confirmation of dates.
- 1.2. Only the events listed above, and coaching, can be pre-booked outside of the 14-day window. In the event rescheduled fixture, play-off or inclement weather, priority will be given to these matches.

##### 1.3 The 10 Minute Rule:

A member who books a court is entitled to use that court for that period. This entitlement lapses if play does not commence within 10 minutes of the start of the booked period and the court is then available to any members for that period. When the booking period has elapsed, the court should be vacated.

- 1.4 **Court Bookings** - Court booking is through the online court booking system and is permitted at any time. The online court booking system is in operation all year round and the system is accessed through the Club's website or the Club's booking application. Telephone bookings for play can be made through the Sports Admin Desk.

Members may book outside tennis courts up to 14 days in advance. Members may book dome courts up to 7 days in advance.

A maximum of 1.5 hours may be booked on the outdoor courts and a maximum of 1 hour may be booked on the dome courts, at any one time. All members are permitted to play more than once a day but may not book two time slots consecutively.

At least one opponent's name must be included in all court bookings

For all courts, two consecutive bookings are not permitted in one day. This includes both the member booking the court and his/her opponent.

**Peak Hours in the dome** – Peak hours are 6-7pm, 7-8pm and 8-9pm Monday to Friday. During peak hours bookings are restricted to two bookings per member per calendar week.

- 2 **Junior Members** - Junior members should have reasonable access to the courts and should be encouraged to participate in club tournaments and organized events.

Junior members under 12 years of age cannot play tennis on Dome courts 4 and 5 unless

supervised, at all times, by an adult.

Junior members 12 years of age and over can play tennis on Dome courts 4 and 5 without adult supervision.

Eligible juniors have access to play tennis in Dome courts 4 and 5 on the same basis as adult members up to 6 pm on weekdays and after 2.00 on Sundays.

On the Outside Courts: Juniors have access to all courts on the same basis as adult members up to 7pm on weekdays when adult members shall have priority. There are no restrictions on juniors playing on the weekends on outside courts.

- 3 **Clay Courts** – The Tiger Turf Advantage Clay tennis courts require regular drag brushing and line brushing. Members may wish to drag brush the court before they commence play for optimum use. It is not compulsory to brush these courts after play. However, members may decide to use the brushes following play, as a courtesy to the next players booked to play on the court. This will ensure optimum conditions for all members playing on these courts.
- 4 **Club Tournaments and Championships** - All members are encouraged to participate in such events organised by the Committee. Advance notice of events and the entry fees will be displayed on the noticeboard and electronically to all members. Entries for events must include the appropriate entry fee. Non-payment of the fee at time of entry will lead to disqualification from the event.

To participate in Club championships a player must have attained the age of 14 years by 31<sup>st</sup> December in the year preceding the competition.

## 5 Visitors

5.1 **Visiting Teams** - Teams or players from other Clubs or institutions (not engaged in official league matches or competitions) may only have the use of the courts with the permission of the Committee or of at least two Committee members, to include an officer of the Club. The convenience of members shall be considered in granting such permission. Requests for use of the courts by outside institutions/individuals which are received by the office must be passed on to the Committee.

5.2 **Introducing Visitors** - Up to three visitors may be introduced to play on one court by a member. It is the responsibility of members to ensure that green fees are paid before play commences on the MyCourt Booking system. Members may only invite guests to the dome during off-peak periods.

Visitors, in the company of a member, are entitled to use the clubhouse facilities for the day.

Members introducing guests are responsible under Club rules and these byelaws for the conduct and behaviour of visitors introduced by them.

- 6 **Tennis Apparel** - Players must wear appropriate tennis sportswear at all times. Appropriate tennis shoes should be worn on court.

From May through September players must wear predominantly white only clothing when playing on the grass courts. This rule does not apply to visiting league teams.

- 7 **Acceptable Behaviour** - Our vision for Elm Park is for it to be a special place, combining excellent facilities with a unique, welcoming and inclusive atmosphere for serious and not so serious, sport and socializing. This atmosphere is the result of the friendly and respectful manner in which all members, employees and visitors interact with one another. These interactions are characterized by good manners, sportsmanship and a conscious consideration of others, on and off the court.

Members, employees or visitors who feel they have been the victim of unacceptable behavior within the club may bring the matter to the attention of the Tennis Committee. The Tennis Committee will investigate the matter in confidence and take appropriate disciplinary action in line with the Tennis Club byelaws and the constitution of Elm Park Golf and Sports Club.

- 8 **Coaching** - A coach must have Tennis Committee approval to coach in the club. All coaches must be approved yearly by the Tennis Committee and must supply up to date Child Protection Certificates and Garda Vetting to the club prior to coaching in the club.

A coach has the same court rights as a member. Coaches are responsible for ensuring that visitors' green fees are paid to the Club before the session commences. The allocation of courts for coaching shall be agreed by the Committee. A maximum of four courts can be booked for coaching activities at any time. The Tennis committee reserves the right to allocate certain hours on all courts for the Junior and Senior Coaching programme.

## 9 **Child Protection Policy**

All members must adhere to the Clubs Child Protection guidelines and practices outlining the Clubs Junior/Student Child Protection Policy.

## 10 **General**

The committee may, from time to time, temporarily alter, amend or suspend any or all of these Byelaws or may make additional regulations for the purpose of staging, organising or managing Club competitions, open tournaments or other such events.