

MOSMAN LAWN TENNIS CLUB LIMITED

CLUB RULES

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By virtue of the power given to the Committee of the Club under the Constitution to make Club Rules, the following Club Rules will be in operation until varied or repealed.

Expressions used in the Club Rules have the same meaning as defined in the Constitution.

Additional Classes of Membership

1. **Associate Member:** An Associate Member must be over the age of 17 and may play on the courts upon his or her own introduction. He or she is not entitled to play more than eight (8) times during any one year. An Associate Member is not entitled to vote at General Meetings or serve on the Committee. This sub-class of membership may be offered or withdrawn each year as determined by the Committee.
2. **House Member:** A House Member is a non-playing member who is over the age of 17. Such members are usually partners of playing members or are past playing members who no longer regularly play tennis or are immediate neighbours of the Club. A House Member is not entitled to vote at General Meetings or serve on the Committee.
3. **Family Member:** A Family membership is in accordance with the following conditions and restrictions:
 - 3.1 Subscription includes 2x adults and children under 25 years of age
 - 3.2 Each member of the family to be individually entered into club membership records
 - 3.3 All must reside at the same address
 - 3.4 Parent members entitled to same rights as Full Adult membership subject to meeting playing ability standard
 - 3.5 If 14-24 age family members wish to play Badge, book courts independently during "peak" member timeslots, play in Saturday or Sunday socials, or enter Club Championships, they may join as an independent Junior or Intermediate member (subject to normal playing ability standard criteria)
 - 3.6 Parent and Child members are entitled to free booking of Club courts, subject to following restrictions:
 - 3.6.1 Child members restricted to play only during "off-peak" member time slots
 - 3.6.2 For child members under 14, court bookings can only be made by the Parent member and there must be at least one Parent member present on court during Club court booking time
 - 3.6.3 All family members eligible for discounted booking of Grand Slam Tennis controlled court slots
4. **Midweek Daytime Member:** A Midweek Daytime Member is in accordance with the following conditions and restrictions:
 - 4.1 New member applications subject to playing ability standard
 - 4.2 Eligible to attend organised Social on Tuesday and Thursday mornings

- 4.3 Organised social may be broken into Ladies, Mens or Mixed dependent on total numbers in attendance
 - 4.4 Ladies are eligible to play in Ladies Badge Thursday (Badge team fee extra) if a team/teams formed
 - 4.5 Free booking of Club court in accordance with full member booking conditions but only in allocated member slots on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday daytime
 - 4.6 May participate in Club social round-robin type tournaments on holiday weekends
 - 4.7 Not eligible for Club Championships
 - 4.8 Eligible for discounted booking of Grand Slam controlled court slots
5. **Badge Competition Only Member:** A Badge Only Membership is in accordance with the following conditions and restrictions:
- 5.1 Membership effective from 5 weeks prior to Round 1 to completion of Saturday Badge each calendar year
 - 5.2 May be accepted to this Membership category for the Badge season prior to commencement of playing rights
 - 5.3 Acceptance to this Category dependent by being identified as a player or reserve in a team entered for Saturday Sydney Badge by the Club
 - 5.4 Any Sydney Badge entry fees are in addition to Club membership
 - 5.5 Access provided to designated Badge team training sessions (Thursday evening and Saturday afternoon from 5 weeks prior until week prior to Badge Round 1 or other times determined by the committee)
 - 5.6 Not eligible for Club Championships
 - 5.7 Eligible for discounted booking of Grand Slam controlled court slots during the Badge Competition Only member period
 - 5.8 A Badge team entered by the Club must not consist entirely of Badge Competition Only members
6. **Couples Membership:** Couples Membership is a discounted annual subscription for couples in a committed relationship, but otherwise is equivalent to Adult (Ordinary) Membership for each individual and subject to the same acceptance criteria as an individual Ordinary Member

Court Allocation

- 7. The courts shall be open for play at such times and split between organised social, competition and member bookings as the Committee from time to time determines.
- 8. The Club Captain will prepare a Badge season court allocation for each team prior to the commencement of the first Badge match.
- 9. The number of courts to be opened shall be determined by the majority of the Committee present on the courts at any time.
- 10. Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, the Committee may conduct matches and tournaments at its discretion and may reserve such courts as it may require for this purpose.

Social Tennis

11. New balls shall, unless the Committee or Duty Person otherwise determines, be provided by the Club for each court on Saturday and Tuesday; used balls will be used on Sunday and Thursday.
12. Advantage sets shall not be played while any member is waiting to join a set. 8 game sets shall be played on Saturday and Sunday afternoons if playing more than 8 games would disadvantage players awaiting access to a court.
13. Singles shall not be played or continued while there are other members present requiring the courts to make up doubles.
14. No persons shall be permitted to play more than two sets in succession should others be waiting to play unless those waiting acquiesce in them continuing.
15. The Duty Person or other members of the Committee shall control the day's arrangements of play. Such persons shall, at such times as the Committee deems fit, arrange sets which each member shall play and shall omit from his or her normal rotation of order, any member who refuses to accept such arrangements.
16. Sets shall be arranged to ensure fair treatment of all members, while taking into account the following guidelines for the person charged for the time being with control of play, provided sufficient players are in attendance to be able to do so:
 - 16.1 Players may elect to participate in either purely social arrangements or competitive social sets
 - 16.2 Individual playing standard can be taken into account when arranging sets, but not to the detriment of any individual player being provided with a fair allocation of sets over the course of the organised social session.
17. To assist persons charged with control of play the Committee may, with the assistance of club selectors and associated coaches, grade all player members into a number of cohorts. The number of cohorts and individual gradings may be adjusted by the committee from time to time.
18. If singles or very high standard arranged doubles is being played with the consent of the duty person and other social player members present, the courts used will be the furthest from the Clubhouse (usually Court 6 on Saturday and Court 4 on Sunday or other days) to enable the duty person to easily view all courts for which they are arranging sets.
19. Members shall obey the ruling of the Committee or Duty Person charged for the time being with control of play.
20. Members shall at all times be expected to assist in the harmonious conduct of play by willingly supporting those on the Committee or Duty Person charged with control of the playing arrangements.

Composition and Meetings of Selection Committees

21. The sub-committees listed below shall be established by the Committee at the end of each calendar year (at its monthly meeting) and undertake the following responsibilities for the succeeding year:
 - 21.1 Competition Play Sub-Committee: to make decisions relating to the entry into competitions, to nominate a person or persons to represent and act as a delegate at meetings of organisations responsible for the competitions and grading the teams (the **MLTC Delegate**), and responsible for court allocations during competition and court rotations where outside courts are required to be used;
 - 21.2 Men's Selection Sub-Committee: to grade and select male members of the Club for the purpose of entering teams in male competitions; and

- 21.3 Ladies' Selection Sub-Committee: to grade and select female members of the Club for the purpose of entering teams in female competitions.
22. Each of the Competition Play Sub-Committee, the Men's Selection Sub-Committee and the Ladies' Selection Sub-Committee shall consist of a maximum of seven (7) Full Members of the Club.
23. The sub-committees are not restricted to wholly men or women, and the same persons may serve on one or more sub-committees. The MLTC Delegate shall be a member and chairperson of each of the sub-committees and, if there is a tied vote, the MLTC Delegate shall have the casting vote.
24. In the case of grading and selecting members for mixed competitions the Men's Selection Sub-Committee and Ladies' Selection Sub-Committee shall meet as one sub-committee and, if there is a tied vote, the MLTC Delegate shall have the casting vote.
25. Members of the sub-committees shall be nominated and appointed by the Committee, with the guidance of the MLTC Delegate, at the end of each calendar year for the succeeding year. To the extent that there are too many nominations the Committee shall take a vote to determine the persons to be appointed to the sub-committees and, if there is a tied vote, the MLTC Delegate will have the casting vote.
26. Members of the sub-committees shall hold office until they resign or cease to be Full Members of the Club for any reason, or until the conclusion of the next meeting at which selectors are nominated and approved by the Committee. Any vacancy occurring on a sub-committee, through any cause, may be filled by the Committee.
27. Members of the sub-committees do not need to hold meetings in carrying out their responsibilities but may use an electronic messaging system to communicate and make decisions.

Selection of New Members

28. The nominations for new members (male and female) shall be under the control of the Club's Committee with the assistance, if required, of the selectors and/or coaches.
29. After a player has been recommended for admission to the Club, the player is to be advised that the final decision of whether he or she will be offered membership of the Club will be decided by the Committee at its next monthly meeting. At the time of the selection recommendation, they are to be asked to pay a fee which entitles them to play social tennis at the Club and access club member booking times until their membership is ratified by the Committee and they are advised accordingly by a member of the Committee, either orally or in writing, of their acceptance. If they are unable to pay the fee at or within five (5) days of the date **of** being notified that they are being recommended for membership then if they wish to play social tennis at the Club they must pay the applicable visitor's fee on each occasion they play until they pay their full membership.
30. The Committee may determine maximum numbers for each class of membership and close a class or sub-classes of membership for new members at any time.

Sub-committees

31. A **Midweek Sub-committee** may be elected by members who regularly play midweek organised social tennis (currently on Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9:30am to noon) and the Sub-committee will be directly responsible to the Committee of the Club. The Sub-committee will be responsible for:
- 31.1 Midweek social play, subject to adherence to the Social Tennis Rules detailed above
- 31.2 The selection of teams to represent the Club in midweek competition.

32. **Finance Sub-Committee.** In addition to the Club Treasurer the Committee may nominate other Committee and/or Ordinary members to form a Finance Sub-committee to review income/expense budgets and propose and cost Capital works projects and report findings to the Committee.
33. **Social Sub-committee.** A Social Sub-committee, chaired by a Committee member, will be formed each year to arrange Club social events which will include, but not be limited to, the Annual Christmas and Award presentation evening. The Sub-committee may contain non-committee members but will report each month to the Committee.
34. **Grounds Sub-Committee:** A Grounds Sub-Committee consisting of at least 1 Committee member will be formed each year to:
 - 34.1 Ensure all courts are maintained in good condition, including arrangements for quarterly and annual professional grooming
 - 34.2 Ensure all gardens, trees, grass, pathways and fences both within the site and along the street frontage are properly maintained
 - 34.3 Liaise with Coaches to assist in maintenance of courts and surrounds
 - 34.4 Report to the Committee each month
35. **Bar and Clubhouse Sub-committee:** A Bar and Clubhouse Sub-committee, chaired by a Committee member, will be formed each year to:
 - 35.1 Arrange bar purchases, recommend bar prices and undertake quarterly stocktakes in conjunction with the Club Treasurer
 - 35.2 Keep track of members with current RSA certification and liaise with the Licensee as necessary
 - 35.3 Arrange minor repairs to the Clubhouse and Change rooms
 - 35.4 Report to the Committee each month
36. **Membership Sub-committee:** In addition to the Membership Secretary, the Committee may nominate other committee members to form a Membership Sub-committee to:
 - 36.1 Review membership categories
 - 36.2 Propose specific types of promotion to encourage take up of particular categories and to increase membership in general
 - 36.3 Review and in conjunction with the Treasurer, recommend membership category subscription fees on an annual basis
 - 36.4 Report to the Committee each month

Selection of Teams for Competition

37. For Saturday competitions or such other competitions which the Club may decide to enter teams:
 - 37.1 The required number of players to fill all teams shall be selected before any consideration is given to the selection of reserves for any team.
 - 37.2 Selection of players for Saturday teams shall be made having regard to the following matters:
 - 37.2.1 Players shall be graded into teams on the selectors assessment of their ability with the view to maintaining the highest possible standard of Badge teams. The Selection

Committee may, where possible and deemed necessary, also consult with the captains of the previous year's Badge teams to assist in that assessment;

37.2.2 The Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) score of a player;

37.2.3 Except for previous unsatisfactory behaviour, no other consideration shall be made other than ability. Unsatisfactory behaviour may be defined as, but not limited to, a player withdrawing from a selected team other than through illness or injury. In all cases of unsatisfactory behaviour, the outcome will be at the direction of the Committee of the Club; and

37.2.4 All members wishing to play Badge tennis competition must be financial and present themselves for play prior to the selection of teams.

38. Full members who wish to play interclub competitions are welcome to submit a team of players for admittance into such competitions but will be subject to selectors verification.

39. The following procedure shall be adopted for the eligibility of selection of players to represent the Club in any outside championship or social representative tournaments:

39.1 There shall be a Club Representative Selection Sub-committee which shall comprise the President, Club Captain, Convenor of the Men's Selectors and Convenor of the Women's Selectors. In the event of a tied vote, the President has a casting vote. This sub-committee shall be responsible for choosing people to represent the Club for all outside tournaments, advising those chosen and the host Club, as well as officiating over any disputes regarding Club representation

39.2 The representative chosen shall be a Full (Ordinary) Member of the Club

40. The Club's representation in the Spring Badge competition (if held) shall be decided by the Committee. Member's response and administrative matters shall be guidelines for the decision.

Visitors

41. Members may introduce visitors to the Club for organised social play, but no visitor may play on the courts unless the member introducing him or her first obtains permission from a Committee member at the Club or the Duty person for the day's social play. The fee for a visitor to play at the Club shall be paid to the Duty Person. The fee for the time being is \$10.00 per visitor per visit midweek and \$25.00 per visitor per visit on weekends. This fee may be altered by the Committee at any time.

42. The member introducing the visitor shall enter the names and addresses of such visitors together with his or her own name in the Visitor's Book.

43. Visitors shall remain on the Club premises only so long as the introducing members shall remain thereon.

44. A visitor may be refused permission to play on a Saturday afternoon during the Badge competition season if insufficient courts are available for the number of members in attendance for social play.

45. Unless permission is obtained from a member of the Committee no members shall introduce more than three (3) visitors at any one time.

46. No visitor shall play more than six (6) times per year.

Dress rules

47. No person shall be allowed to play on the courts during organised social or competition times unless suitably attired. Only approved tennis clothes and tennis shoes to be worn. Collarless style tennis shirts for men are acceptable.

48. Unacceptable tennis clothing includes but may not be limited to:
 - 48.1 Any item with large advertising motifs or other printing
 - 48.2 Bonds or surf style T-shirts
 - 48.3 Jogging, training, stubby style and board shorts
49. Suitable tracksuit pants may be worn during warm up. They may not be worn during play except in extreme weather conditions. At all times tennis shorts and tennis skirts MUST be worn.
50. Thongs are not permitted inside the clubhouse. Bare feet are not permitted at any time.

Miscellaneous

51. No notices, posters or announcements, printed or otherwise, shall be exhibited on the Club's premises without the consent of the Secretary being first obtained. Exhibitions shall be restricted to tennis-related matters. In exceptional circumstances, a written request handed to the Secretary and approved by the Committee will be required.
52. The Committee shall appoint a delegate or delegates to represent the Club at any meetings called by Tennis NSW.