

## **FRIDAY JUNIOR CLUB NIGHTS**

Once your child/ren's membership renewal has been paid, we will email a new Clubhouse door number that will apply from 15th April, and issue a new shoe tag. **Please ask the children to collect his/her shoe tag when they arrive at the Clubhouse.**

Your membership includes all Friday Junior Club Night summer sessions. PLEASE NOTE that guests are NOT permitted to join these sessions.

**Contact Catherine Milnes if you have any membership queries:  
catherine.milnes1@ntlworld.com or 01932 8868702**

### **Club Night session dates:**

**Starts** Friday Fri 20<sup>th</sup> April to Fri 20<sup>th</sup> July  
**Starts again** on Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Sept to 19<sup>th</sup> Oct  
**Junior BBQ on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 5pm-8pm**

### **Coach contact:**

**Duncan Willitts-Head Coach**  
**07764 743183**  
**waltontennis@yahoo.co.uk**  
Or see him on the Club Night to discuss any queries.

### ***Change to timings and format of sessions***

Duncan has again reviewed the timings for the sessions and decided to extend them. He hopes this will encourage more Juniors to come, even if it's just for part of his/her session! Lots of other new activities are now planned for Fridays too!

	<b>School Year @ 31/3/18</b>	<b>Start/finish time</b>
<b>Session 1 Minis</b>	<b>Reception to year 3</b>	<b>4.00-4.45pm</b>
<b>Session 1 Mini Plus</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>4.00-4.45pm</b>
<b>Session 2</b>	<b>Year 4, 5, 6</b>	<b>4.00-6.00pm</b>
<b>Session 3 and 4</b>	<b>Year 7, 8, 9, 10 &amp; over</b>	<b>6.00-8.30pm</b>

### **Checking-in on arrival/ your child/ren's safety – PLEASE HELP!**

Please ensure that all children report and check-in on arrival before going onto the courts; it is essential that we know how many attend each session. It is important to the Club that the children are safe whilst on the club site and when arriving and leaving.

**For parents of Primary school aged children, notably those in Session 1, they will need to ensure, and to sign to the effect that their children will NOT be left unaccompanied during the session. If a parent is unable to stay, then there should be another nominated adult present who will be responsible for the child/ren in the parent's absence.**

**Parents are also responsible at all times for delivering and collecting their children from the tennis club area, and NOT from the main or temporary entrance to the tennis club or from outside the grounds.**

Please ensure that you arrive promptly to collect your younger children at the end of their sessions, so you do not add to volunteers' workload by being late.

### **Dogs**

Well-behaved dogs are welcome on the premises but not in the Clubhouse or on the courts. Please keep them, at all times, on a short lead.

## Parent volunteers

Please sign up in the Club House for dates throughout the season if you can help with registration; there are 20 weeks to cover.

## Bad Weather

Please do not drop your children at the club without checking that tennis is on if the weather looks bad. You are welcome to check with your session leader as named above, or Duncan. If it starts to pour with rain during a session, please come to collect your child early.

## TOURNAMENTS for JUNIOR MEMBERS

Entries for the Junior Club Championships must be received **by 6<sup>th</sup> May** – see entry form. Finals will be played **on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July**.

Entries close **on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April** for the HSBC 'Road to Wimbledon' National 14 & Under Challenge. **See the entry form for full details and age criteria.**

*Please arrange ALL TOURNAMENT MATCHES so that they FINISH by the end of Junior playing times, otherwise the match has to be finished at a later date.*

## PLAYING TIMES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

**Mini members are allowed to play only in their sessions from 4 to 4.45pm on Friday.**

**Junior members may ALSO play:**

- every weekday (except Bank Holidays) until 6.00pm
- and on Saturday & Sunday mornings until 2pm throughout the year

Juniors may also play after 5pm on Saturday and 4pm on Sunday evenings if permission has been obtained from a member of the Executive Committee, AND an adult is in charge while they play.

During Junior playing times, your child has equal playing rights with adults, which means that all players should come off court after a short set or 30 minutes. Do make sure that your child keeps to these playing times and so avoids friction with senior members if they are on court outside the above times. No-one under 18 years is allowed to switch the floodlights on or off.

## Summer holidays

On Friday evenings, during the summer holidays there will be NO organised sessions **and Juniors should therefore not on the Club premises after 6pm**. Juniors are encouraged to arrange to play with other junior members, during their usual playing times as above; the rules regarding parental supervision and responsible behaviour will apply.

## Tennis Clothing

Please make sure that your child/ren's clothing and shoes are predominantly white. **Footwear must be non-marking tennis shoes and anyone not wearing the correct footwear will not be allowed on court. Under NO circumstances can football boots be worn!**

A range of tennis gear with the Club's new logo is available from Touchline Clothing:

[www.touchline-embroidery.co.uk/walton-on-thames-ltc/](http://www.touchline-embroidery.co.uk/walton-on-thames-ltc/)

Or follow the link on the Members' Only section of the Club's website.

Junior members are also encouraged to enter outside tournaments, and details of these can be found on the notice boards. **Please note, it is not possible at present to reserve a court for an outside tournament match.**

## **BRITISH TENNIS/WIMBLEDON BALLOT**

The LTA insist that players in all matches are members of British Tennis and they need an LTA rating to play in outside tournaments. Members of Walton on Thames LTC, can join British Tennis FREE. There are lots of benefits plus being able to opt-in for a chance to draw Wimbledon tickers. The more British Tennis members we have, the greater the club's Wimbledon ticket allocation. Go to the LTA: [www.lta.org.uk](http://www.lta.org.uk)

*The ticket allocation will be handled by the LTA and Junior Club members who have opted-in will be contacted directly if they are successful.*

## **TENNIS BALLS**

Balls are provided on Friday evenings and for club matches, but at other times your children must bring their own. Ask at the Bar if you wish to buy new balls at £4.00 for 4, or used match balls at £1.00 for 4.

## **VISITORS**

The charge is £4 for an adult visitor and £2 for a junior visitor. Maximum visits for the year are six. Visitors are not permitted to play under floodlights. **Juniors may only bring visitors during their playing times (see above) but NOT on Friday evenings.** Before play, please enter the visitor's details on the sheet under the whiteboard in the clubhouse. The fee should be put in the small brown envelope provided and posted through the bar door.

## **SECURITY OF THE CLUBHOUSE**

Doors to the Clubhouse will only be left open at peak times. Members can enter by the main door, by keying-in a number into the keypad. This code changes each year on 15<sup>th</sup> April.

## **JUNIORS' USE OF THE CLUB**

Juniors under 13 years must be supervised or continuously accompanied by an adult whilst on the premises.

- ❖ We ask you to also make sure that your child/ren remain within the Club's boundaries.
- ❖ Juniors aged 13 to 18 need not be accompanied but could be challenged if they are causing a nuisance, or do not appear to be at the club to play tennis. Your child will be asked to leave if no adult is remaining on the premises.
- ❖ Adults are responsible for making sure the premises are secure and your child will be asked to leave if no adult is remaining on the premises.
- ❖ Please check that all doors and windows are shut and the lights are switched off, if you are the last to leave the club.

*AFTER JUNIOR CLUB NIGHT ON FRIDAYS, no Juniors are allowed to return to the Club unsupervised. CCTV is in operation.*

## **TENNISMARK**

The Club is Tennismark accredited which means that the LTA endorses and supports our tennis programme, policies & procedures, action & development planning and Club management.

As part of this process we have developed written Codes of Practice for both parents and young people. Copies of these Codes should have been sent to you at the time of joining; copies are on the Noticeboard in the Clubhouse.

## **Data Protection:**

The personal details that you provide will be recorded in an electronic and paper database for the purposes of Club administration and communication to members at the Club. This information will be saved such that it will only be available to members of the Walton-on-Thames LTC and will not be used or shared with any other 3<sup>rd</sup> party.

This is currently being reviewed under the new GDPR guidelines for implementation in May 2018.