



Pythouse Club Byelaws - Dated June 2026

These byelaws are issued so as to ensure that the Club runs smoothly and for the benefit of all members and other users; they should be followed and interpreted in the spirit as well as the word! They should be read in conjunction with the club rules and in particular sections 15 to 19 of those rules, which can be seen on the website.

Any issues or questions or suggestions should be sent to a member of the General Committee.

In the Clubhouse

1. Access to the Clubhouse shower rooms and WC facilities is available to all members age 16 and above and, like access to the courts, is via a key card
2. Access to the main function room is by way of key and the keys are held by members of the General Committee and certain authorised members organising Club events. A keyholder, or member or hirer authorised to open the Clubhouse to run an event, must be present at any time when the main function room is open.
3. If you believe you are the last member age 16+ to leave, please ensure the windows are securely fastened, the security alarm set, and the doors locked.
4. Please respect all furniture, fixtures and fittings and equipment, and leave the Clubhouse clean and tidy with all rubbish in appropriate containers, and report anything you feel may be hazardous to a General Committee Member
5. Any missing items or breakages should also be noted
6. During cold weather please ensure the external doors are not left open
7. No dogs are allowed within the Club premises (including the grounds and courts). Guide dogs leading the blind, however, are allowed access to all areas
8. A no smoking policy operates within the Clubhouse and Club premises

On the Courts

9. Court key cards are available to all members age 16 and above. If you believe you are the last to leave the court please ensure the net is lowered and the gates are locked
10. All mobile phones should be set on silent while on court. The use of mobile phones on court is prohibited except in emergency or to take photos for record (such as match winners or scoresheets) .
11. After use of the synthetic courts the court should be swept as necessary with the brushes provided on courts 1 and 2. Note: these brushes are designed to be pulled and not pushed.
12. When raising the net, please do not use undue force on the handle which will put excessive tension on the net posts. This could damage the foundation supporting the net posts. Adjust the centre tape.
13. Do not take glass bottles on to the court.
14. Do not leave bottles, cans or litter of any kind on the court. Please note that ball can metal rings can be dangerous and should be disposed of in the court-side bins.
15. Chewing gum should not be taken on to the court and should be disposed of responsibly.
16. Bikes, pushchairs and anything likely to damage the surface should not be taken on to the courts. Wheelchairs are allowed.
17. For your safety, please comply with any courtside notices displayed.
18. Please report anything you consider hazardous to a member of the Committee or coach, either directly or by email to info@pythouseclub.co.uk.
19. Do not walk across the back of a court when play is in progress
20. Do not attempt to retrieve a ball from another court when play is in progress
21. When booking a court, no more than 2 consecutive sessions are allowed. This does not apply to coaches.
22. When a court is booked by a member it is that member's responsibility to effect cancellation if no longer required.

General Requirements for Members 23.

Junior members

- Private Matches. Private matches between children below 14 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Those of 14 years and above may play unsupervised at parents' discretion.
- Social Tennis. Competent players of 14 and above may join social tennis, but below the age of 16 they must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Use of the Clubhouse. The lavatories and changing rooms are open to all ages. However, when the club is busy, close supervision should be exercised. Children should not be left unsupervised in the Clubhouse main room.

23. Members are requested to observe the rules relating to court bookings with due reference to the notices displayed within the booking website
25. Members may introduce a guest to the Club, subject to a maximum of 3 visits in any one calendar year, and after payment of a £6 fee using the cash box inside the rear door of the clubhouse or the QR codes on court gates, or online via the Club website
26. Members are obliged to inform the Membership Secretary of:
 - full names and ages of each family member (and for those under 18, the emergency contact details)
 - email address
 - full home address; and
 - any change of address(es) as soon as possible
27. Members participating in tennis activities are expected to maintain membership of the LTA, which is free to Pythouse Club members.
28. All players must wear non-marking tennis shoes when on court, together with clothing appropriate for the game of tennis
29. Members are expected to observe the highest standards of common courtesies both on court and within the Clubhouse.
30. Any material accidents should be noted in the accident report book kept in the Clubhouse; members are also encouraged to report any potential safety issues to the Club or, where appropriate to the safeguarding member, Liz Whitehouse (available through the Pythouse tennis Whatsapp forum). There is a first aid kit in the rear foyer of the clubhouse – please notify the club treasurer (via the club email on the website) of anything used from the first aid kit so it can be replaced.

PYTHOUSE CLUB – TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP

LTA Advantage

LTA Advantage has replaced British Tennis Membership as the LTA's scheme for individual participants in tennis. Pythouse Club is affiliated to the LTA. All members participating in tennis activities are encouraged to sign up to LTA Advantage which is free, and is required to use the Clubspark court booking system. This is easy to do through the LTA website <https://www.lta.org.uk/advantage/>. When joining LTA Advantage select the Play+ option and choose Pythouse as the venue in order to link your membership to Pythouse Club.

The benefits of Advantage Play+ Membership include entry into the ballot for Wimbledon tickets, a player rating, discounts with LTA partners including Castore and Dunlop, upgrades at cinch Championships and a priority window for LTA tournament hospitality packages.

Data Protection Statement

By becoming a member of the Club all members agree that the Club can use their personal data, including name, postal address, email and phone number, for membership purposes and to send you by post, email or SMS/WhatsApp information related to membership and events run by, or associated with, the club. Members will be requested to consent in writing in advance to the use of photography in any Club materials which include the image of members or others using the Club facilities.

Personal data will never be passed to a third party outside the club or used to promote events unconnected to the club.

Terms and conditions

The Terms and Conditions of LTA Membership can be accessed at:

www.lta.org.uk/about-the-lta/policies-and-rules/btm-terms--conditions/

The Club Rules are available on our website <https://www.pythouseclub.co.uk/club-rules-and-byelaws>