



Hartwood Lawn Tennis Club Ltd

Membership Information Pack 2023-24

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About Hartwood Tennis Club

Welcome to Hartwood. We're delighted you are considering joining / have joined our club.

Hartwood was founded in 1914 and is a vibrant, friendly club where we welcome both adult and junior players of all standards. We have six all-weather floodlit courts, which are available to play on for 365 days a year, from 8 a.m. to 9.30.p.m.

The club is run entirely by volunteers, so please be patient if it takes a few days to answer any queries that you submit via the website, or directly to one of the [club officers](#).

Booking courts is free for members; once you've joined, currently the only charge is for using the floodlights.

We hope this document will answer any questions you might have. More information can also be found on our comprehensive website at www.hartwoodtennis.co.uk, including [General FAQs](#) and [Useful Stuff](#) in the members area.

When you join, you are agreeing to abide by the [club regulations](#).



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Membership categories and fees

Our membership period runs from 1st April to 31st March. Fees are as follows:

| Category | Annual Fee | Joining Fee |
|---|------------|-------------|
| Adult (31-64) | £370 | £90 |
| Senior Citizen (65 Yrs+) | £270 | £55 |
| Weekday (Mon - Fri Before 5pm) | £220 | £55 |
| Young Adult (27-30, If Working) | £270 | £55 |
| Youth / Student (19-26 Yrs Or Ft Student) | £165 | £35 |
| Student Living Outside M25 | £80 | £35 |
| Junior 18u (11-18 Yrs) | £105 | £0 |
| Mini 10u (10yrs Or Under) | £70 | £0 |
| Family 1 Adult & 2+ Juniors | £510 | £90 |
| Family 2 Adults & 2+ Juniors | £880 | £180 |

Ages are calculated based on the calendar year that you turn that age - e.g. if a child turns 11 in 2023, they qualify as a Junior 18U even if they are 10 on 1st April. This is the same system that the LTA uses for competitions, so we have adopted it for consistency. Students in full time education at a college outside the M25 pay slightly less than half the Youth fee, in recognition of the fact they won't often be able to play at the club during term time. Once you have passed your details to the membership secretary, you will receive an invitation to pay from Clubspark. There is a single annual payment which you can pay by direct debit or credit card.

Pro-rata fees and freezing membership

April to September represents the peak playing period of the year and so pro-rata membership rates are only available from October. If you join after September then you pay the whole joining fee (if applicable), but only pay the membership fee pro rata for the rest of the membership year.

If you are unable to play for an extended period due to long-term illness, pregnancy, or an overseas work posting, then you can rejoin without having to pay the joining fee again. This needs to be agreed with the Membership Secretary in advance.



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Paying Guests

- Hartswood is only open to members and their paying guests.
- Guests may not play without a member present.
- Members can invite a maximum of 3 guests at the same time, on the same court (to make up a game of doubles).
- Members may invite guests to play tennis for a maximum of 90 mins per day (one booking).
- Members may not book more than one court, or make more than one booking on the same court, to play with guests on the same day.
- Full members have 5 paying guest passes which they can use at peak times. This can be the same person 5 times, or 5 different people, or any combination. Playing with 2 or 3 guests in the same booking will use up 2 or 3 of your allocation of 5.
- Full members may also invite paying guests off-peak (Monday to Friday 8am-5pm, and Saturday/Sunday after 6pm).
- Weekday Members can invite paying guests any time Monday to Friday 8am-5pm.
- Each guest can only play a maximum of 5 times in any membership year.
- Guest name(s) must be entered on the online booking form where the court is pre-booked (which is nearly always the case).
- All guests must be signed in the physical guest register book at the clubhouse before playing, including those whose names have been recorded online
- **The fees are £5 per adult and £2.50 per junior (up to 18) per booking.** The adult fee applies to parents wanting to have a hit with their child, where the child (but not the parent) is a member.

Please do not invite guests to weekend Club Tennis, Tuesday Social Tennis or Wednesday evening Mix-in sessions.

Ways to pay guest fees

There are three ways to pay, in order of preference:

1. **Online, at the time of booking** a court (or amending a booking) - instructions below.
2. Using the ipad point of sale system which is located on the bar in the clubhouse (**contactless, by card or smartphone**).
3. **In cash via the guest fee box** on the clubhouse door.

Fees must always be paid before play commences. **With so many ways to pay, "I'll bring in some cash tomorrow" does not cut the mustard. Anyone found not paying in advance without a legitimate reason will have guest privileges revoked.**



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How to join

You will be contacted by the membership secretary when you reach the top of the waiting list and a place becomes available. Please note that the waiting list is currently closed to new applicants.

We have reinstated our “Welcome to Hartwood” sessions where you’d get to meet a member of the Committee, have a tour of the clubhouse and have a gentle game to assess your level. This is necessary if you are interested in playing in our Weekend Club Tennis sessions or the Tuesday Social Tennis. It is also useful for determining your level of tennis for the Find a Playing Partner option.

Once your payment has been processed, you’ll be sent a ‘smart credential’ from the Paxton Access Control system, which will give you access to the main gate and clubhouse using the [Paxton Key app](#) on your mobile phone.

You will need to register with our court booking system which is accessible via the members area of the website as well as directly at <https://bookings.hartwoodtennis.co.uk/> then you can start fixing up games and playing as often as you want, as well as joining in social tennis if you are of a sufficient standard.

Dress code

In line with LTA guidelines players are expected to wear appropriate tennis attire.

Coaching

Our coaching is organised by LOVEtennis. Our Head Coach, Christian Gallan, is renowned for his enthusiasm, patience and good humour and his ability to make you feel good about your game however badly you happen to be playing that day. Christian and his team of experienced coaches provide individual lessons for all ages as well as adult group coaching (including sessions tailored especially for beginners), term-time junior squads, junior holiday camps, and junior match play sessions. Please see the [coaching section on our website](#) for more details of what’s available, or email info@love-tennis.co.uk.

Players of all levels are most welcome to join the club. A number of our members, who now play to a high standard, had never played tennis before joining Hartwood. It takes time and dedication (and some coaching), but you will be surprised at how fast you progress, and how enjoyable tennis is, even for a novice.

Alternatively, if you’re an experienced player and interested in playing competitively for Hartwood, our coach will be able to advise you on which team might suit you.



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Competitions

Hartswood runs internal open and veterans competitions in both doubles and singles, with both normal and handicapped scoring systems at different times of year. The club also participates in the LTA winter and summer Middlesex leagues. If you are interested in playing for a team, contact captain@hartswoodtennis.co.uk (men) or womenscaptain@hartswoodtennis.co.uk (women). There are also regular fun events such as American doubles tournaments once a month.

Finding a playing partner

If you've been playing tennis for a while and have reached the standard for joining in Club Tennis sessions at the weekend, or you are playing in a team, then you will meet a lot of players of a similar standard to you and with whom you can arrange to play games at other times.

If you are new to the game and either a complete beginner, or someone who's an improver but still not quite at club tennis standard, there are other ways in which you can get to meet other members of Hartswood who are of a similar standard and who would be good to practise with:

- Join one of the group coaching sessions so you'll be on court with other beginners and improvers and can swap contact details.
- Sign up to Find a Playing Partner in the members' section of the website. The Head Coach, Christian, will advise you what level you are to ensure that you find players of a similar standard.
- There is also a mix-in session for improvers (which includes some free coaching) on Saturdays from 12.30pm-2pm. This session is only open to full members.

Social life of the club

Joining Hartswood is a great way of meeting people and making new friends. Club Tennis sessions take place Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 2pm-6pm. Members of intermediate standard or above (regardless of age, young or old) turn up and play doubles, regularly changing partners (there is [a particular etiquette for this](#)). Club Tennis includes afternoon tea with cake and the chance for a chat.

There is an American Tournament on the first Sunday of every month, 2-4pm. This is a round-robin mixed doubles competition in which participants are initially paired at random. Timed rounds are played on a rotational basis, swapping partners between rounds. At the end of each round losers stay on court, winners move up a court and new pairings are formed. There are small prizes for the



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players who won the most games overall. This is a social mix-in session open to all full-time Adult Members. Maximum 24 places per session. To book, please see the homepage on the website.

Wednesday Evening Social Mix-in Tennis. On the 1st Wednesday of every month, between late Spring and early Autumn, four courts are booked out for all levels of players (Full Adult members only) from 6.30-8.30pm. £8 per head (pizza included). Balls are provided. Please book via the website as limited places.

Our annual Christmas parties for juniors and for adults (held on separate evenings) are always popular.

There is usually a barbeque on finals day for the summer tournament.

For over twenty years, Hartswood has hosted a women-only tennis tournament in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. This very popular event (also open to non-members), has raised around £30,000 which is spent on funding specialist cancer care in the Chiswick area.

There is also a Hartswood bridge club, which meets on the second Wednesday of every month. For more information please contact membership@hartswoodtennis.co.uk.