

## Court Access

Bearsden LTC is a vibrant club with many active members. Court access and usage is planned to accommodate the needs of all members.

Priority access to courts is given for

- Adult social tennis (Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons)
- Team matches – schedule on web site
- Club coaching programme - schedule on web site
- Team practice and tour (performance and matchplay) squad sessions
- DOE Summer Series Tournament, the Invitation Tournament and West Challenge Matches
- Private coaching

During the peak playing months from late April to August there can be competing demands for court access and opportunities for a casual social game can be restricted. Court 4 is almost always available and can be booked up to 7 days in advance using the forms in the clubhouse. Access to all four courts is generally restricted only for short periods: when a senior match commences at 6.30pm and coaching finishes at 7.00pm and when Mini Orange and Green matches from 4-7pm coincide with coaching. Match times are dictated by TWoS and Tennis Scotland.

The number of adult and junior teams reflects the level of member interest. Decisions about the teams to be operated and the programme of coaching for juniors and adults are taken by the committee in December/January for the coming year. Other activities and events are sanctioned during the course of the year and priority access may be granted. **Full details of all programmes are available on the web site.**

The number of courts required for coaching sessions will vary dependent upon demand. There is no benefit in courts lying idle and, if there are sufficient players, development sessions for juniors and adults may utilise additional courts. **However, the coach will contract to 2 courts (or even 1 with smaller groups) if members come down seeking access.** The same happens when holiday tennis camps are operating.

Team practices and the tour (performance) squads operate on the basis of 4 players per court undertaking routines or match practice. Such sessions will use from 1 to 3 courts as required.

The club coach is self-employed and contracted by the club to provide a range of services including private coaching. The coach is entitled to access 1 court for private coaching for individuals or small groups but this is arranged, as far as possible, to take place at times when the club courts are not busy.

Team matches, team practices and coaching sessions are led and implemented by team captains and the coach as directed by the committee and as part of the published programmes of activities. In line with TWoS recommendations, team captains for veterans' matches are encouraged to allow play on court 3 by club members. However, players on court 3 must observe court etiquette and may be asked to vacate the court or switch to court 4 if there is an unacceptable level of disruption to a match.

Individual members do not have rights of access which supersede the programme agreed by the committee. If you have any queries about these programmes or about access to courts, then please direct these to the secretary or president. Please do not criticise fellow members, the coach or others who are implementing the agreed programme. The committee is always willing to listen to representations as to court access.

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