

Exwick Tennis Club League Tennis Inclusive Policy



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1. League Teams

The club will allow teams to be entered into the local tennis leagues.

The club main contact will enter the teams into the league before the closing date each year.

The club will offer inclusive tennis across all league teams as per club ethos “Inclusive Tennis For All” and will adhere to the “Devon Tennis Transgender Policy” with regards to players are only eligible to play for a club team in the gender that they were born.

New / Existing members of the tennis club are not guaranteed to play in the team, this must be considered before deciding on whether they join / rejoin the tennis club.

New / Existing members might have the opportunity to play e.g if team members are not available.

New / Existing members are encouraged to take part in club sessions and team practice sessions to meet other team members and captains to discuss which team is most appropriate.

The team captains will arrange team practice nights where team players can show their availability through our Spond group APP, the sessions will be focused around specific squads each week, there will be a Maximum of 10 players per week.

The league captain is eligible to play all league matches in a season, this does not include the vice – captain.

2. League committee

A tennis club league committee will be set up to discuss league tennis throughout the season , committee to resolve any issues that may arise, these amendments to be implemented as the season continues.

3. League captains

The league captain must agree to the club rules and requisite as outlined in this document

The league captain must be a member of the club to act as a captain of a team.

The league captain must go through the opening and lockdown procedures at the facility before the first match of the season.

The league captain must nominate a “Vice-Captain” that will also need to go through the opening and lockdown procedures of the facilities for home matches before the first match of the season.

The Vice - Captain is responsible for the opening and closing of the facilities for home matches when the League captain is away.

A home League match will not take place without a League captain or Vice-Captain available to open / close the facilities at the end of a home match.

The league captain must:

Attend all pre - season league club committee meetings to discuss the league and make decisions together

Attend any pre-season league tennis committee meetings (to organise their own fixtures) unless another team captain is happy to arrange your fixtures for you or the league doesn't require clubs to attend a league meeting to arrange fixtures.

Provide the main club contact with fixture dates ahead of each season.

Confirm with the main club contact that they have enough players to run a team ahead of the season

Complete the player registration form and send to the league.

Select your regular players for your team – add additional players to your team as the season progresses, captains must register their new players with the league before their first match.

4. Registered players

A player will be registered in a team that is appropriate to their playing ability, the head of tennis & league captains are to decide on whether a player's tennis ability is appropriate to play in the team.

5. League captains / members conduct

All League captains & members representing the club at league fixtures have a responsibility to conduct themselves in a friendly and professional manner at all times – towards fellow league team members as well as towards the away teams at fixtures.

All league captains and members failing to conduct themselves in a friendly and professional manner at fixtures will result in the start of a gross misconduct process that will be implemented towards that individual which in turn can lead to the cancellation of their membership with no further access to tennis activities at the club thereafter.