

## FORT MATILDA LAWN TENNIS CLUB

### BYE-LAWS

1. The courts will be open for play during the season in normal daylight hours. During the School term, Greenock Academy has priority in court use at times to be arranged: these will be posted on the Clubhouse noticeboard. At such times, with the School's permission, club members may still have the use of court 4.
2. Saturday afternoons shall be devoted to Mixed Doubles play and Sunday afternoons to Ladies and Gents Doubles. Saturday afternoons from 2-6 p.m., shall be reserved for Club play and no matches or competitions, except for Club tournaments or competitions shall be allowed without the prior consent of the Committee. On weekday evenings, no such restrictions apply: games are to be made up and players to be invited to play in due turn. Singles, unless arranged under a Ladder Tournament, are not to be played where members are waiting to play. Where members are waiting to play, tie breaks to be played at 5 games all. Order to play shall be by rotation. Names of players waiting to play shall be put on an order of play sheet. No name shall be added to the sheet until the player is ready for play. If a player is not ready for play when it is his or her turn, the player's name shall go to the end of the sheet.  
Matches, tournaments and competitions which may be arranged by the Committee, and all general play on the Courts shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the West of Scotland Lawn Tennis Association. Any member, who having entered a Club tournament enters another Tennis tournament played at any time during the course of the Club tournament shall be liable to have his entry to the Club tournament refused or to be scratched from the Club tournament.
3. The Club Championships / Tournaments shall be open to all full-time playing members.
4. Such matches, tournaments and competitions shall have preference over ordinary play.
5. New balls will normally be issued on Wednesdays and Saturdays, or at the discretion of a member of the Committee in consultation with the Ball Convenor.
6. Where home matches are being played, no Club play shall be allowed until the match has ended.
7. Only recognised white or coloured tennis wear and / or tracksuits are to be worn for play on the Courts.
8. Players shall wear white, rubber-soled shoes without heels.
9. A junior member of promising ability may be awarded for intermediate status at the discretion of the Committee. Such members will continue to pay the junior fee until they reach 17.
10. Members who are last to leave the Courts at night, shall slacken the nets and raise them clear off the ground and see that Club House and Property are secured.
11. Keys of the Club House will be available to members for a deposit on application to the Secretary. On resigning as a member, all keys are to be returned to the Secretary.
12. Members leaving their property in the club House, do so at their own risk.

13. A member may bring the same guest/s to the Club no more than 3 occasions in any year. Juniors may not introduce guests to the Club.
14. Visitors to the town who wish to use the Courts for a short period may apply to the Committee to do so. It shall be at the discretion of the Committee to allow this and to decide on what fee shall be payable.
15. Where a member is unable to play throughout the season for health, business or other reasons, the member may apply in writing to the Committee to pay a reduced subscription. It shall be at the discretion of the committee to approve this application or not and to state what fee shall be payable if approved.
16. No member other than a Committee member shall post up, alter or take down authorised notices for the information of members.
17. No office-bearer of the club shall play for the team of any other Tennis Club during his or her term of Office.
18. No member may be selected to play for any team or may enter for a Club Championship Tournament unless he or she has paid the current year's subscription in full prior to the close of the draw.
19. Members must wait until a break in play before crossing behind the Courts.
20. No instructions are to be given to the groundsman direct. All representations are to be made to the Club President, Secretary or Grounds Convenor.
21. The Club House is not to be used by members during the winter season.
22. All complaints from any member of the Club shall be put in writing to the Secretary.