# General Information

## The Dean Tennis & Squash Club

* The Club was founded in 1884 and is one of the oldest tennis clubs in Edinburgh.
* The Club is located close to the city centre, with access from Lennox St. and from Dean Park Crescent.
* There are 4 tennis courts, 2 squash courts and a clubhouse with a function room.
* Racketball can also be played on the squash courts.
* The clubhouse has changing and showering facilities.
* The clubhouse is available for hire by members for social functions.
* Members are provided with a key to access the grounds and a secure key fob for entering the clubhouse. These remain the property of the club, and must be returned if the member leaves.
* The Club has no staff in attendance; it is run for members by members.
* There is a telephone in the clubhouse for members to arrange matches.
* There is a first aid box in the clubhouse with plasters, ice-packs and bandages for minor injuries.
* Additional information for members is posted in the members section of the Club website: [www.thedeanclub.co.uk](http://www.thedeanclub.co.uk)

## Membership

* The Club has the following categories of membership. Other than the partners category, membership can be taken for tennis or squash, or both:

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| **Category** | **Details** |
| **Individual Senior** | Regular individual membership |
| **Husband & Wife**, or **Partners** | Couples membership |
| **Family** | This includes all children of the family who are eligible for junior or young adult membership |
| **Intermediate** | Available to people aged between 14 and 17 on the 1st April (the start of the membership year) |
| **Junior** | Available to people aged between 9 and 13 on the 1st April (the start of the membership year) |
| **Student** | Available to people in full time education |
| **Weekday** | Available to people who only play between 9am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday |
| **Temporary** | Available to short-term visitors to the Club, for a fee as decided by the committee |
| **Non-playing** | Restricted to former playing members of the Club |
| **Corporate** | Available to individuals or groups, for a fee and playing conditions as decided by the committee |
| **Honorary** | As elected.  This category of membership carries no membership fee |
| **Life** | Available to members for a one-off fee as decided by the committee |

* Adult members may play with their children under the age of 9, without additional charge.
* Current subscription rates are posted on the Club website.

## Information – Tennis

### Facilities

* We have four sand-filled, all weather tennis courts two of which are floodlit, to provide a playing surface for the whole year.
* There is also a mini-tennis court with a practice wall.

### Club Sessions and Tournaments

* A Club league is run throughout the year.
* The Club holds an annual tournament.

### Teams and Leagues

* The Club has Tennis teams playing in the East of Scotland leagues.
* Team matches are played between April and June.
* Members interested in representing the Club should contact the Tennis Convener. Contact details are on the club website.

### Coaching

* Tennis coaching is available for members – individuals or groups, seniors or juniors. Coaching incurs an additional fee. Non-members may be involved in group coaching sessions at the discretion of the coach and with the agreement of the committee.
* Individual sessions can be arranged directly with the Club coach; contact details are on the website.

## Information – Squash and Racketball

### Facilities

* We have two wall backed squash courts, lit by LED lights, heated by electric radiant panel heaters. The panel walls are refreshed every two years.

### Club Sessions and Tournaments

* A Junior Squash Club is hosted by a professional coach on Saturday afternoons during the winter months.
* There is an annual open competition and an annual handicap competition.

### Mini Leagues

* We run Club squash leagues throughout the year. These are organised in 5 or 6 player divisions with each league period running for 5 weeks. Participants therefore have the chance of playing a regular match against opponents of a similar standard. At least half of the squash membership participates in the leagues over the winter months. To enter the Club squash leagues, please put your name on the entry sheet on the notice board.

### Teams and Leagues

* The Club enters Men’s squash teams into the East of Scotland Squash Leagues each season. The matches take place between October and March.
* There are practice sessions hosted by the Club coach at the start of the season, which are open to all members.
* Members interested in playing for the Club should contact the relevant team captain. Contact details are on the club website.
* The Club enters a team in the East of Scotland summer racketball league. Matches take place between April and August.

### Coaching

* Squash coaching is available to members; this incurs an additional fee. Sessions can be arranged directly with the Club coach; contact details are on the website.

# Club Rules

## Membership

* The subscription year runs from 1 April but new members may join at any time. Reductions in subscription rates may be available to members joining part-way through the year.
* There is no entry fee, nor any additional fees for use of the courts or lights.
* Parents of junior members are asked to confirm that they will take responsibility for the behaviour of their children, as it affects their safety and that of their opponents, and as it affects the care and security of the clubhouse and grounds.
* Only those members who have paid their annual subscription may play in Club tournaments and leagues, and represent the Club in external tournaments and leagues.
* All members representing the Club in East of Scotland tennis competitions must also be members of British Tennis (there is no fee for this). All tennis members are encouraged to join British Tennis; this is one route of entry to a ballot for tickets to Wimbledon each year.
* Members who do not renew their annual membership within one month of the due date may be deemed to have resigned from the Club, unless specific arrangements have been agreed with the committee for payment of outstanding fees.

## Guests

* Members may introduce personal guests at any time, subject to the limits noted below, to attend social functions or to play racket sports in accordance with their membership category. Members must enter the guest’s name on the guest sheet supplied in the clubhouse before play. A charge is made for each playing guest at the end of the year; currently £4 per guest, per occasion.
* The Member must be present during the period that the personal guest plays, and is responsible to the Club for the actions of the guest while on the premises.
* The same person may not play as a guest more than twice in any calendar month or four times in the year.
* Any player, coach, other team representative, match official or spectator attending the Club's premises by invitation of the Club, who is not a member, is a guest of the committee. Guest fees do not apply to guests of the committee, or to any member or guest attending a social function or playing function run by the committee.
* A non-playing member may attend social functions and may play as the guest of a member, following the procedures and charges set out above. Equally a squash/racketball member may play tennis as the guest of a tennis member, and vice-versa, following the procedures and charges set out above.

## Clubhouse Facilities and Lighting

* Children under 14 years of age may not use the clubhouse facilities without adult supervision.
* The Club cannot be held responsible for any injury incurred by members or their children while on the Club premises as a result of their actions
* If you are the last person to leave the clubhouse, please ensure that it is secure and that the lights are switched off.
* The telephone in the clubhouse is available for emergency calls, and may be used by members for arranging matches *etc*.
* The committee may levy a charge to members to cover the cost for replacement of lost keys.

## Tennis

### Booking

* The courts may be used between 9.00 am (10.00 am on Sundays) and 10 pm.
* All courts can be booked up to one week in advance. Court bookings can be made via the Club website.
* Bookings can be made in 30 minutes slots. No single booking by a pair/four should be made for more than 90 minutes.
* For the benefit of other members, please cancel a booked court as soon as possible if you are unable to use it.
* Members who have booked a court may ask other members to vacate the booked court immediately at the allotted time.
* If you are playing on an un-booked court and other members are waiting to play *who have not booked,* you should vacate it after you have finished your set.

### Facilities and Lighting

* Switches for the tennis court floodlights are in the telephone cupboard in the clubhouse. The lights are on a time switch and will go off at about 10 pm. If there is nobody else playing, please turn off the lights when you finish. Please also turn off the light switches even when the lights have been switched off by the timer.
* The tennis courts may only be used for playing tennis. Playing of other ball games is not appropriate.

### Clothing and Equipment

* Only clothes appropriate for playing tennis should be worn on the courts.

### Intermediates and Juniors

* Junior members may not book courts, but they may play on unreserved courts.
* Junior members have priority use of courts 3 and 4 on weekdays from 2pm to 5pm, and on Saturdays from 9am to noon.
* Juniors are required to give up the court to senior members after 6pm from Sunday to Friday, and after 1pm on Saturday.
* Children under 9 years old may not use the tennis courts without adult supervision.
* Intermediate members have equal playing rights to adult members.

## Squash and Racketball

### Booking

* The courts are open for play at all times and may be booked up to one week in advance using the booking website.
* The booking time is 40 minute per court.
* Booking successive courts is allowed only at quieter times of the week. Please do not do so after 5pm, Monday to Thursday.
* For the benefit of other members, please cancel a booked court as soon as possible if you are unable to use it.
* Members who have booked a court may ask other members to vacate the booked court immediately at the allotted time.
* If you are playing on an un-booked court and other members are waiting to play *who have not booked,* you should vacate it after you have finished the next game.

### Facilities and Lighting

* The squash court lights are switched on from outside the court and automatically switch off after about 45 minutes – at this stage they will need to be reset. There is an additional light (back left corner) with a separate switch, which is not on a timer. This should be switched off after use.

### Clothing and Eyewear

* Members must wear non-marking footwear when on court, and ensure that their guests do the same. In general, dark soled shoes should not be worn. Shoes which have been worn outside the clubhouse, including on the tennis courts, must not be worn on the squash courts.
* We require anyone under 19 years of age playing squash or racketball to wear eye protection, as recommended by the World Squash Federation.

### Intermediates and Juniors

* Juniors may not play squash without adult supervision
* Intermediate members have equal playing rights to adult members.