

1 General Information

1.1 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, a mini court with a tennis practice wall and a clubhouse.
- The clubhouse has changing and showering facilities.
- There is a club room which has a 'warm up corner' with gym equipment, a table tennis table and table football. These facilities may be used by all members.
- The club room 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 emergency calls.
- There is a first aid box in the clubhouse with plasters, ice-packs and bandages for minor injuries.
- The Club has policies for Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults and for Diversity. These may be accessed on the members page of the website and the Club's notice board.
- Additional information for members is posted in the members section of the Club website:
www.thedeanclub.co.uk

1.2 Membership

The Club has the following categories of membership. Adult membership categories can be taken for single sports or for both tennis and squash. For non-adult categories, age limits are defined in terms of the age at the start of the membership year (1st April).

Category	Details
Individual	Regular individual adult membership
Couple	For partners living at the same address joining for the same individual sport or full sport membership.
Family	For couples with children who are eligible for child, junior or intermediate membership
Intermediate	Available to those aged between 14 and 17
Junior	Available to children aged between 9 and 13
Child	For children under 9-years old provided that they are participating in a club coaching programme or the child of a member
Student	Available to students in full time education
Weekday	Available to adults who only play on Monday to Friday up to 4:30 pm
Non-playing	Restricted to former playing members of the Club
Honorary	As elected. This category carries no membership fee and is for life

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

1.3 Information – Tennis

1.3.1 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.

1.3.2 Club Sessions and Tournaments

- A Club singles league is run throughout the year.
- Social sessions are held throughout the year, see website for details.
- There are monthly turn up and play social tournaments held during the summer
- The Club holds an annual tournament.

1.3.3 Teams and Leagues

- The Club has teams playing in the East of Scotland tennis leagues.
- Team matches are played between April and June.
- Members interested in representing the Club should contact the relevant individual, details are provided on the contacts page on the website.

1.3.4 Coaching

- Tennis coaching is available for members – individuals or groups, seniors or juniors. Coaching incurs an additional fee.
- Coaching may be arranged directly with the coach, contacts details on the website.
- The coach is permitted to coach non-members for both individual and group sessions with a supplementary fee that is returned to the Club
- Members who do not have a coaching contract with the Club are not permitted to provide paid for coaching at the Club without the permission of the Committee.

1.3.5 Safety

- The Club cannot take responsibility for the safety of players due to weather conditions such as wet or icy court surfaces.
- Players should be aware that leaves on the court during wet weather may provide a slip hazard and to consider using equipment provided to remove leaves.
- Players should report any damage to court equipment or surrounds that they consider to be unsafe to a member of the Committee.

1.4 Information – Squash

1.4.1 Facilities

- We have two squash courts with LED lighting which are heated by electric radiant panel heaters controlled by timers and thermostats.

1.4.2 Club Sessions and Tournaments

- A turn-up and play social session is held on Friday evenings
- There is an annual open tournament and handicap competition held towards the end of the membership year.

1.4.3 Mini Leagues

- Club squash leagues are run throughout the year suitable for all levels of playing ability.
- The leagues are organised in 5 or 6 player divisions with each league period usually running for 5 weeks.
- Participants have the chance of playing a regular match against opponents of a similar standard.
- To enter the leagues, email the organiser (details on the contacts page of the website).

1.4.4 Teams

- The Club enters teams into the East of Scotland Squash Leagues. The matches take place between October and March.
- There are practice sessions hosted by the Club coach at the start of the season for prospective team members.
- Members interested in playing for the Club should contact the relevant team captain. Contact details are on the club website.

1.4.5 Coaching

- Squash coaching is available in group sessions or to individual members; this incurs an additional fee.
- Sessions can be arranged directly with the Club coach; contact details are on the website.
- The coach usually organises group sessions in six-week blocks. Watch out for email announcements
- Members who do not have a coaching contract with the Club are not permitted to provide paid for coaching at the Club without the permission of the Committee.

2 Club Rules

2.1 Membership

- The subscription year runs from 1st April but new members may join at any time. Reductions in subscription rates are made for 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.
- 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 Membership Secretary for payment of outstanding fees.

2.2 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.
- The Member introducing a guest 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 visit.
- The Member must be present during the period that their 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 member may play tennis as the guest of a tennis member, and vice-versa, following the procedures and charges set out above.

2.3 Clubhouse Facilities and Lighting

- Children under 14 years of age may not use the clubhouse facilities, other than toilets, 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
- Members entering and leaving the premises must take responsibility for the security of the grounds and clubhouse and ensuring that gates and doors are kept locked.
- If no other member is present in the Clubhouse, members must ensure that all lights are switched off when leaving.

- Members are requested to report any unusual occurrence, failure of equipment, breakages to a member of the Committee.
- The telephone in the clubhouse is available for emergency calls.
- Members will be charged for the replacement of lost keys.

2.4 Tennis

2.4.1 Booking

- The courts may be used between 8.00 am (10.00 am on Sundays) and 10 pm.
- 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 at the allotted time.
- If all other courts are booked and you are playing on an un-booked court, you should vacate it after you have finished your set if other members who have not booked are waiting to play.
- Members playing before 9 am are requested to use Court 4.
- Players are requested to respect our neighbours and not make excessive noise whilst on the courts particularly in the early morning or later in the evening.

2.4.2 Facilities and Lighting

- Switches for the tennis court floodlights are in the telephone cupboard in the clubhouse, beside the noticeboard opposite the Ladies' changing room.
- The lights are on a time switch and will go off automatically at 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 allowed.

2.4.3 Clothing and Equipment

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

2.4.4 Intermediates and Juniors

- Junior members may not book courts, but they may play on unreserved courts.
- Children under 9 years old may not use the tennis courts without adult supervision.
- Intermediate members have equal playing rights to adult members.

2.5 Squash

2.5.1 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 at the allotted time.

2.5.2 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.
- All lights should be switched off after use.

2.5.3 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 unless they are marked as being suitable for squash.
- Shoes which have been worn outside the clubhouse must not be worn on the squash courts. Change your shoes in the Clubhouse before you play.
- Shoes which have been used for tennis should not be used for squash unless all traces of sand have been removed.
- Players under 19 years of age must wear eye protection, as recommended by the World Squash Federation.

2.5.4 Intermediates and Juniors

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