

Booking Courts and the Clubroom

The club uses the SportyHQ booking programme for online booking of our squash and tennis courts, and for booking the clubroom.

Limits

- You can book court time up to 7 days in advance (to the hour).
- Total booking time by members is restricted during peak times (= prime time):
 - Tennis - no more than 90 minutes per booking at weekends up to 5.30pm, and after 3pm on weekdays, except for team practices during the inter-club match season, which can be for up to 2 hours. The system is configured such that each member can only make one prime time booking per day.
 - Squash - consecutive bookings of squash courts are not allowed after 5pm, Monday to Thursday.
 - Bookings for inter-club tennis matches may take up 3 courts for most of some weekday evenings during the match season (normally late April to mid-June)
- **Tennis bookings are available during the following times:**
 - April-September:
 - 8am – 10pm, Mon-Sat
 - 10am – 10pm on Sundays
 - October-March:
 - 8am – 9pm, Mon-Sat
 - 10am – 9pm on Sundays
- **Club room bookings can be made many weeks in advance to ensure a specific date is available.**

If you will be unable to use a court booking, please cancel it as soon as possible to enable it to be available for others. All members rely on this co-operation.

The committee reserves the right to cancel or amend bookings not made in compliance with these limits, for the good of the membership as a whole.

SportyHQ

In order to use the booking system, members need to create an account with the system provider, SportyHQ: <https://www.sportyhq.com/> - unless you already have one. **If you don't create a SportyHQ account, you will not be able to book court time.**

When you join the club, you should be sent an invitation from SportyHQ to activate your account (or link it to the Dean club if you already have an account). If you don't receive an email, please check the email address you provided, and your junk folder.

You MUST use the same email address for your SportyHQ account as you have provided for our membership database, membermojo, otherwise you will not be able to link to our booking system.

Open the activation email with your email account and confirm your contact information, including a password, which you will use when logging in to SportyHQ.

You are then directed to the SportyHQ dashboard, where you can edit your profile, including checking that you are associated with the Dean club (listed at the bottom right of the screen).

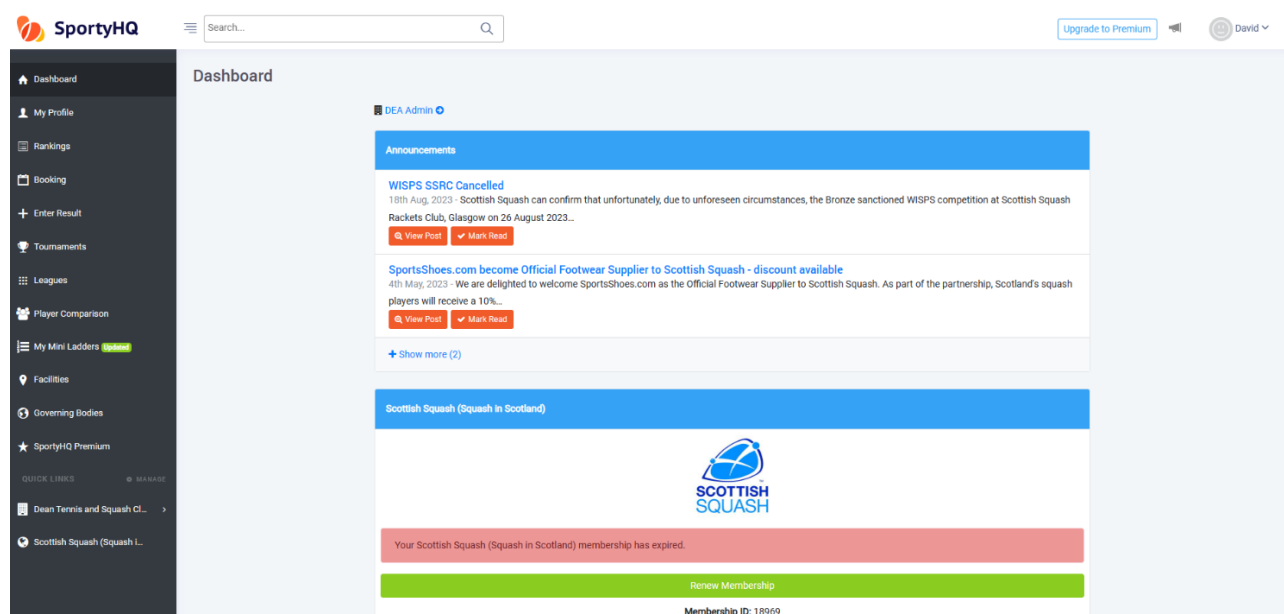
When you have activated your account, if you cant then see the option to book a court, try logging out then back a short while later as the system sometimes appears not to refresh immediately.

Club members who had joined the club before we switched to SportyHQ in September 2023, were all added to the list of people linked to the Dean club at that time. Each member needs to activate their account. If you are unable to activate, please send a request for an activation link to david.robb1825@gmail.com

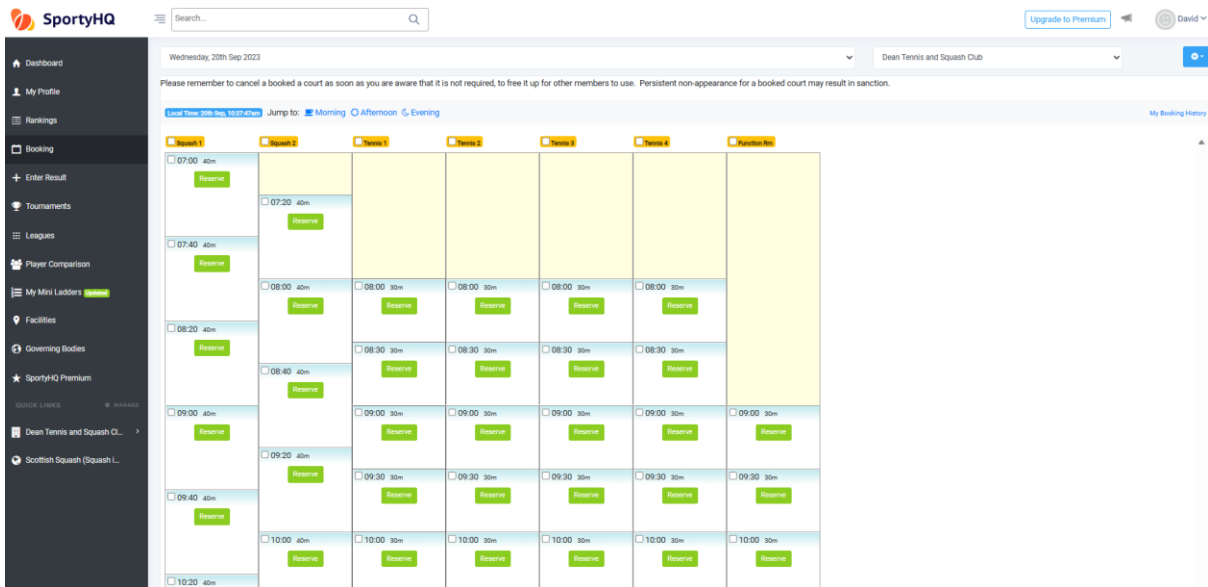
If you have a family or couple membership, only the primary member provides an email to the club in the membermojo software. Those who are linked to this member must advise the club of an email address they are using in SportyHQ, and the club can then send an activation link to that address to allow booking – please send to david.robb1825@gmail.com

Accessing the booking system

Once you have created your SportyHQ account, used an activation link if required, and logged in, you will see a screen like this:

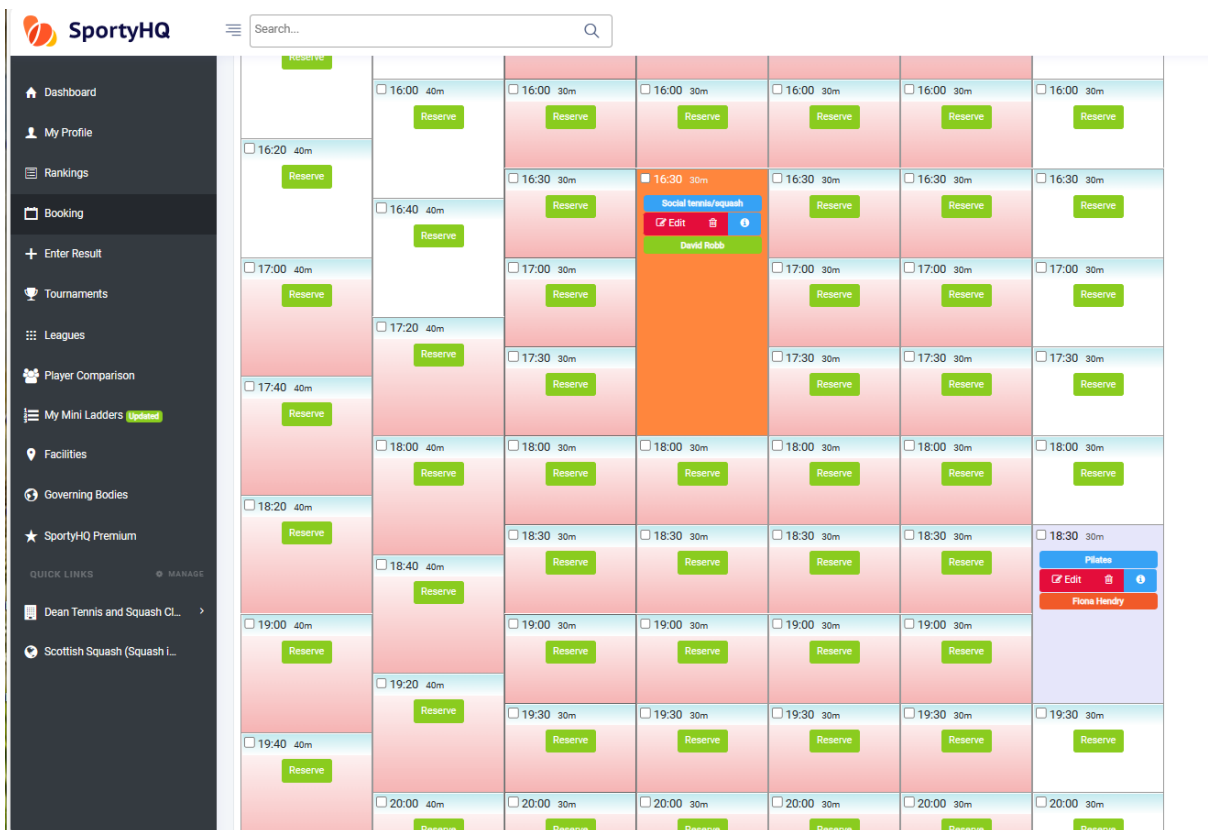


From the list on the left hand side, click the Booking link, which takes to a screen showing the various courts, with the option to choose the date at the top.



You can choose between various layouts of this screen by using the small blue square button at the top right of the screen, next to the club name.

When making a booking, select “reserve” on the relevant court and time. You will be asked to confirm the relevant activity and booking length from drop down lists. You can choose to include your opponent’s name as part of the booking (or “playing with another member(s)”). You will receive email confirmation of the booking (you can switch email notifications off in “my profile”).



During prime time, members can only make one booking per day. If you name the opponent, the system is currently allowing a limit of 30 minutes for tennis (glitch in the system). So if you want up to 90 minutes for tennis (the allowable time limit during prime time), you need to use the booking type “playing with another member(s)”.

Cancelling a booking

There is an obvious “dustbin” or “delete” button associated with the booking on the calendar, should you need to cancel. Please remember to do this as soon as you are aware that you will no longer use a booking. Note that when cancelling a booking during prime time, the software may impose a lag time before you are able to rebook (should be no more than 10 minutes).

Smartphone Apps

An iPhone app for SportyHQ bookings was previously available. It has currently been withdrawn. There is no Android app currently. The website can be accessed by using the browser on your phone, PC or laptop.

Booking the Clubroom

The clubroom is used for various purposes, including post-match teas with visiting club players, for playing table tennis, for Pilates classes, and for club-run functions.

The clubroom can be booked for personal events, parties and other occasions. This is subject to charge and so must be booked through the treasurer (see below).

To ensure that events do not clash, the following rules will apply.

1. The club room can be booked in 30 minute slots.
2. Team captains should book the club room for their post-match teas. These events take precedence over other events.
3. A committee member should book the club room for club-run social events and committee meetings.
4. In the event of a clash, the events described in points 2 and 3 above take precedence over any other bookings.
5. Any intermediate or senior member may book the club room for table tennis, subject to points 2 and 3 above.
6. In the interests of our neighbours, the Clubroom must be vacated by 11:00 pm, at the latest.
7. To book the clubroom for personal events, please contact Gerard Callis via the club's contact email: thedeclubedinburgh@gmail.com
8. Primarily the clubroom is for the use of fully paid-up members of the club. However, at the discretion of the Committee use may be granted to non-members, this includes local non-profit organisations.
9. There is a charge of £20 per hour, for private social events, payable in advance and we may take a refundable deposit of £50 against any damage. The charge is based on an estimate of the number of hours that the event is expected to last.
10. The organiser of the booking is responsible for ensuring that their guests do not enter the squash or tennis courts
11. Where the booking has been made by a member of the club at least one member is required to be present during the duration of the event and this member will be wholly responsible for ensuring that the clubroom is looked well after and is left in a clean and tidy condition.
12. For non-members the person who requested the booking will be held responsible for ensuring the clubroom is returned to a clean and tidy condition.

When you have finished:

- Put all rubbish in black bags and place the black bags in the gull-proof bag at the top of the steps leading to the Lennox Street gate.
- Return the room to its original state with table and chairs tidied
- Clean the floor of any mess
- Wipe clean tables and kitchen surfaces
- Before the event, check that any required dishcloths and tea towels are available, if not bring your own. Wash up and put away any dishes and cutlery used.
- The person or member responsible must ensure that all attendees have left the building, and all the lights are switched off.
- Report any breakages to a committee member.