

# **Rhiwbina Squash & Racketball Club**

## **Regulations**

(Revised December 2023)

### **1. Club Charter**

The Club Charter, which is displayed in the club foyer, is:

Play hard, Play to win, Play fair  
Respect your opponent, Respect your gallery, Respect your surroundings  
Enjoy and have fun

Any member who acts in a way that is contrary to the principles set out in the Club Charter shall be deemed to have breached these Regulations.

Examples of such actions are bad language on court or in the squash building and abusive or threatening behaviour towards another member. (NB This list of examples is not meant to be definitive and is by no means exhaustive).

### **2. Non Marking Footwear**

Suitable squash non-marking footwear must be worn on court; in particular black soles are not permitted.

### **3. Bikes**

Bikes may not be brought into the squash building.

### **4. Animals**

Animals may not be brought into the squash building.

### **5. Match Fees**

A home game match fee of £10 per team is payable by all teams representing the Club in inter-club matches.

### **6. Access Key Fobs**

The fee for the purchase of access key fobs is £10, which is refundable in full should the fob ever be returned in working order.

All players are entitled to a free of charge replacement for a damaged fob, provided the damaged fob is returned.

### **7. Payment of Membership Subscriptions**

The methods of paying for annual subscriptions are set out in detail in the Membership Application Form for the membership year in question.

Members who have not paid their subscription by the required date will be ineligible to join the winter leagues or to play in representative team matches, will be unable to book courts online and will have their access fob deactivated.

New Members who apply for membership after the renewal date may be offered a prorata discount. Existing Members who renew their membership after the renewal date are not entitled to any discount, although exceptionally a discount may be granted at the discretion of the Treasurer if the reason for the delay in renewing is illness or injury.

## **8. Court Cancellations**

The number of courts cancelled by each member will be monitored on a quarterly basis, both in absolute terms and as a percentage of overall court bookings. The committee may impose a court booking restriction on any member who books at least 15 courts in any quarter and who cancels at least 25% of those courts, such restriction being that courts may only be booked by that member one week in advance rather than two. Any such restriction will apply for a period of one month from the end of the relevant quarter. This Regulation is effective from 1 October 2019.

## **9. Internal Leagues**

The default scoring system is American to 15 points.

If both players agree, any other scoring system may be used.

All other rules relating to the internal leagues are published on the club website.

## **10. Associate Membership**

Members may, in general, book courts up to 14 days in advance ("Full Booking Rights"). From time to time the committee may decide to set a ceiling (currently 200 playing members) on the number of members who have Full Booking Rights.

Members who join the club after such a ceiling has been set will join as Associate Members, and will be able to book courts only up to 7 days in advance. Associate Members will be placed on a waiting list, in an order based on the date when they join the club. The number of playing members will be regularly reviewed throughout each membership subscription year; and if the number of playing members falls below the ceiling, Associate Members on the waiting list will be granted Full Booking Rights in order of joining (earliest first) so that the ceiling is maintained. The status of Associate Members at the beginning of any membership subscription year will be clarified in the membership renewal email that is sent by the Secretary to all members and also on the Membership Application Form for the new membership subscription year.

## **11. Supervision of Juniors**

In accordance with Squash Wales guidelines all children under the age of 16 must be supervised by an adult whilst playing squash or racketball at the club.

## **12. Use of Safety Eyewear**

Sports safety eyewear must be worn by all players under the age of 19.

## **13. Court bookings and associate membership**

Members may, in general, book courts up to 14 days in advance ("Full Booking Rights"). From time to time the committee may decide to set a ceiling (currently 200 playing adult members) on the number of members who have Full Booking Rights.

Members who join the club after such a ceiling has been reached will join as Associate Members and will be only able to book courts up to 7 days in advance. Associate Members will be placed on a waiting list to become full members, in an order based on the date when they join the club. The number of playing members will be regularly reviewed throughout each membership subscription year; and if the number of playing members falls below the ceiling, Associate Members on the waiting list will be granted Full Booking Rights in order of joining (earliest first) so that the ceiling is maintained. The status of Associate Members at the beginning of any membership subscription year will be clarified in the membership renewal email that is sent by the Committee to all members.

Depending on booking levels and number of members, the committee may place certain restrictions on advance court bookings to allow all members reasonable access to courts during times of peak demand.

## **14. Coaching Bookings**

- a) Members: Members who wish to be coached must book the court in their own name and add the coach as the opponent.
- b) Non-members: Coaches may book courts to coach non-members provided the court bookings have end times no later than 5pm. The non-member is a guest of the club and must be entered accordingly on the court booking with the appropriate fee paid. Guests can play up to five times a year and therefore any persons being coached regularly would have to become members.
- c) Events: One off irregular coaching events involving non-members can take place if agreed by the committee.

## **15. Dual Membership**

Members of another section of the Rhiwbina Recreation Club who join the Club are termed "Dual Members". The committee may offer a discounted membership to Dual members from time-to-time. For the subscription year commencing 1 July 2023 the discount will be a figure equal to the Rhiwbina Recreation Club per capita fee as approved at the immediately preceding Annual General Meeting.

## **16. Lapsed Member Court Booking Accounts**

Balances under £20 on the court booking accounts of lapsed members are not repayable and will be transferred to a court maintenance fund.

## **17. Vaping**

Vaping is not permitted anywhere within the Squash building.