



Bandon Tennis Club

New Members FAQs

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If you are thinking of becoming a member, or have already joined, this brief document will hopefully shed some light on how things work here at Bandon Tennis Club.

If you have any questions not covered here email us at admin@bandonltc.com.

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Q1. Do I have to join for a year or can I try it out first?

There are a few options here. First of all, guests/non-members can come to our club night which is a social evening once a week (7:30 – 8:45pm, currently every Wednesdays). During club night a member of the committee will pair up people to play short games and pairings are changed after every game so you get to meet people. The standard is mixed so don't worry if you are beginner. All you need is a racket – we provide lights if required. The first visit is free, and every additional visit is €5. Please sign the book inside the door whenever you come and put money in an envelope into the letterbox inside the door on the right, above the table.

If you are free on Friday mornings, there is another Social tennis session at 10am which is followed by coffee and a chat. Contact Lyn for more information – 086 852 3908

As you get to know other members, it is likely that you will be invited to sub at regular games and indeed can setup your own games – don't be afraid to ask people!

If you think the club is for you, then you can apply for membership.

Q2. How much does it cost to join?

Currently our annual subs/fees are;

- Adult - €180
- Family - €380
- Junior - €60
- Student - €80 (age 18 - 23, 3rd level)
- Over 70s - €90.

Q3. How do I join?

On the membership section of the webpage (<https://bandonltc.com/membership>) you will find a link to an online membership form. Add in your details and let us know the kind of membership you are looking for and a member of the committee will get back to you with a link allowing you to setup a user profile for the court booking system and add your payment details. Your membership will auto renew unless you cancel. You can join at any time of the year.



Q4. I have joined, what now?

Drop us an email to let us know you have followed through with signing up and we will provide you with the codes to access the courts and clubhouse. If you are the last to leave please make sure everything is locked up.

Once you have created your profile on our booking system and paid your sub, you will then be able to book a court by using the website or phone app and putting down the name of the players up to a week in advance (e.g. if I am booking a court for next Tuesday I can book it from 6pm this Tuesday). **Note booking a court in advance is essential.** Our slots are 1:15 or 1:30 running throughout the day but the most popular slots are 7pm and 8:30pm Mon – Friday. Typically, weekends are quieter.

Instructions on how to setup the court booking phone app can be found below.

https://bu2.ebookingonline.net/includes/docs/ebookingonline_tech_note8.pdf

Note our club ID is 181 and the first step is to follow the link below on your phone and then follow the instructions as per the above link.

<https://ebookingonline.net/box/box3.php?id=181>

You will be added to our club WhatsApp group which is how we communicate with club members on all tennis related news.

Please also be mindful of cancelling a court in good time to allow other members to use the slot. If cancelling close to the time, we would ask all members to put the fact that a court is now available on the club WhatsApp group. (There is also a Cancellation Alert option on the E booking system which you can use to alert you if a court becomes available at a certain time)

If you are booking a court but starting or ending at a time outside of the pre-arranged time slots, please include this detail on your booking by using the free text option when adding a Guest as a player. This is so that other members will be made aware and can use the courts accordingly.

1. Add player and click on Guest

2. Type free text in Guest Name box and click Add Guest

3. Click on Book Now

4. Other members will see the note on E Booking



Q5. How do I work the floodlights?

We have new LED lights and they can be controlled from your smartphone. We have created 2 videos demonstrating how to set up the app. First watch this video showing how you set it up for an Android phone.

<https://youtu.be/GRyi5jcaox0>

If you have an Apple phone you should then watch this (if you have android you can skip this);

<https://youtu.be/FZixgorSqlM>

Basically you buy a batch of 'tokens' and each are worth €1 which gets you 11 minutes of game time (8 tokens/euro gets you 1:28min). When the time comes to turn them on, each player takes out their phone and spends their token through the app and the time adds up.

This is the link referenced in the video where you setup your account and create your phone shortcut. Any issues drop us an email.

<https://lightingsports.com/Bandonlawntennisclub/app.aspx>

Q6. Can I bring a friend/guest?

As a member, you can bring a guest at any time, up to a maximum of 3 times, and they must sign the visitors' book and pay €5 (pop into an envelope, with name on the front, into the letterbox inside the door). Please use the Guest option on the E booking system.

Q7. I'm a complete beginner - Is there coaching?

We have a club coach, and senior coaching is provided based on demand, and typically a group of 6 is required for group coaching. If you want coaching register your interest by emailing us at admin@bandonltc.com. If you want individual coaching contact our club coach Alan O'Mahony directly (087 975 7444).

We would recommend all new members get 'graded' to allow them play in competitions. Beginners are typically Grade 6, with Grade 1 being the highest level. This can be organised through Alan.

Q8. What events are on during the year?

We have a series of events ranging from social to competitive. The below provides an indication of what we do over the course of the year, but is subject to change so keep an eye on the WhatsApp group!



In order to facilitate these events, we would ask that all club members as part of their membership and commitment to the club pledge 2 hours during the year either in helping out during an event or in keeping the club looking its best by helping out when maintenance and cleanups happen.

Bandon LTC Planner 2021/22	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21
AGM												
Annual membership subs due												
Senior Competitions												
Bandon Senior Closed												
Singles Ladder												
Winter League												
Hurley Cup												
Junior Competitions/Activites												
Bandon Junior Closed												
Winter League												
Easter Round Robin												
Christmas comp.												
Coaching												
Junior (note 1)												
Senior (note 2)												
Social Events												
Club Night (Wed 7:30pm)												
Social Morning (note 3)												
Table Quiz												
Open Day (note 4) NEW												
Turkey Tournament												
Valentines Tournament												

Legend
 Approximate date Exact dates shall be communicated through the club WhatsApp

Notes
 1. Juniors coordinator will advise parents via Whatsapp when it's happening and what age group/ability (Alan O'Mahony (087 975 7444) or Michael Reeb (085 133 8393) run coaching)
 2. Please send expressions of interest to admin@bandonltc.com. Ideally we would need a group of 6 to run adult coaching
 3. Friday at 10am - Social tennis followed by tea/coffee. Suitable for beginners or those getting back into tennis. Contact Lyn 086 852 3908
 4. New daytime social event for all standards and ages and potential members!

Q9. I have kids who are interested in tennis, are there activities, and or coaching going on?

We try to provide organised play every couple of weeks, after school typically, during the academic year. We have a panel of Garda vetted volunteers to help supervise these events and we have a Juniors Coordinator who manages correspondence with kids, through their parents, using a WhatsApp group.

Throughout the year we try to run some competitive match play, typically at Easter, Christmas, Spring Half Term and October Bank Holiday. Depending on numbers we also try to run winter league teams in the U12, U14 and U16 age groups. We also have a club closed competition in Aug/Sept.

Coaching is provided by Alan O'Mahony and Michael Reeb, who run coaching at different times of the year, and cater for slightly different ages and abilities. The Juniors coordinator will let parents know, through the WhatsApp group, when training is going on and what age groups and abilities are catered for.

If you are not a member, please contact the coaches directly as this training is done privately and not organised through the club. Alan O'Mahony (087 975 7444) or Michael Reeb (086 133 8393).



Q10. What is the situation with parking at the club

Parking during daylight hours is provided for free across the main road in the golf club overflow carpark. The main golf club carpark may be used at night only.



Q11. I am new to tennis – what are some key things I need to know.

TENNIS ETIQUETTE

- 1 KEEP THE COURTS TIDY AND SAFE**

Do not damage the court surface by leaving chewing gum, sticky drink spills or other foreign substances on the surface. Wear non-marking shoes at all times.

Do not leave metal caps from ball cans, ball cans, unwanted balls, paper cups, drink bottles or other litter on or around the court. Use litter or recycling bins when they are provided.

Ensure any equipment you are not using on court (spare racquet, bag, drinks, clothes etc.) is placed out of the way and will not present a hazard to players changing ends or moving for a wide ball.

Close the gate behind you when you enter or leave the courts.
- 2 RESPECT PLAYERS ON THE COURT (OR ON ADJACENT COURTS).**

Talk quietly if you are near courts that are in use.

Do not cross behind a court while a point is underway. When the point is over, move quickly across the back of the court.

Spectators should not applaud players, errors, heckle players or call balls in or out (even if asked to do so).

Players should avoid grunting or making other loud noises.
- 3 DON'T TRY TO WIN THE WARM UP.**

A player should make a special effort to hit his shots directly to his opponent at moderate pace to warm up all regular shots (forehand & backhand, ground strokes & volleys, overhead).

Warm up serves should be taken before starting play. Returns of warm up serves should be hit to the opponent.
- 4 BE CONSIDERATE WHEN RETRIEVING OR RETURNING BALLS.**

If a ball from your court goes onto another court, wait for a break in play on that court (and any courts between you and the court where the ball stops) and then politely ask for the players on that court to return the ball. If the ball presents a danger to a player, alert them immediately.

Return Balls that come onto your court to the back of the court, at a break in play on that court.

If a ball comes into your court and disturbs your game, call a let and replay the point.
- 5 THE PRIME OBJECTIVE IN MAKING CALLS IS ACCURACY**

A player calls shots landing in or aimed at his side of the court.

All out, let or fault calls should be made promptly.

Any doubt must be resolved in favour of the opponent. Any ball that cannot be called out with certainty is considered to have been good.

A player should call against himself any ball (except a first serve) he sees clearly out, regardless of whether he is requested to do so.

A player should acknowledge promptly if a ball touches him, he touches the net, he doubles hits a ball, if the ball bounces twice or if he hits the ball before it crosses the net.

Q12. I want to play in competitions – how does it work and how do I get graded?

If you want to play in any competitive tennis (outside of club social competitions), you will need to be graded by a coach who will assess your ability and give you a Grade. There are 6 Grades, with Grade 1 being the strongest and Grade 6 being a beginner. When you enter a competition, you enter a specific Grade and this this means you will play against people of a similar standard. When you get to finals or win in other events such as winter league you earn points, and when you earn enough points within a year, you move up a grade.

We encourage all our members to get graded. **The club will facilitate a grading session with a coach up to twice a year.** Please email admin@bandonltc.com to register your interest. Outside of this, you will need to contact the club coach directly and arrange your own grading session.