



# Bandon Tennis Club

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## 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 Lawn Tennis Club.

If you have any questions not covered here email us at [admin@bandonltc.com](mailto:admin@bandonltc.com).

### **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 – 8:30pm, 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 the balls and 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!

### **Q2. Do I have to join for a full year?**

If you think you want to join, but are still not sure, you can join for 3 months (currently €50 per adult). If after the 3 months you want to continue membership you can then convert this to an annual sub by paying the balance (adult sub currently €180, so after 3 months you would owe €130 to convert to annual membership).

Note you can only get a 3-month membership once, not every summer!

### **Q3. How much does it cost to join?**

Currently annual subs are - Adult - €180, Family - €380, Junior - €60, Student - €80



Our membership year runs from the 1<sup>st</sup> July to the 30<sup>th</sup> of June. If you want join at any time of the year, we will work out what you owe pro rata based on how many months left before the 1<sup>st</sup> of July.

#### **Q4. How do I join?**

Our subscription form with all the details are available to download from our website. There may also be some hanging up on the notice board in the club. Please follow the directions on the form. <https://bandonltc.com/membership>

#### **Q5. I have joined, what now?**

Our membership secretary will be in touch to answer any immediate questions.

You will get an email with your membership number and pin, and a link to our **online booking system which is how you book a court** by putting down the name of the players up to a week in advance. Our slots are 1.5 hours running throughout the day but the most popular slots are 7pm and 8:30pm Mon – Friday. Typically, weekends are quieter.

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

To get access to the clubhouse you will be provided with a key, and you can discuss with the membership secretary how to collect this.

Our courts currently have a padlock with a combine code and this will be provided to you. If you are the last to leave please make sure they are locked.

If you are playing at night, we have floodlights and these can be paid for by putting **€1 coins only**, into the coin boxes inside the front door. You get 11 minutes per €1, so it's about €8 for your 1.5 hour slot.

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).

#### **Q6. 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](mailto: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.

#### **Q7. 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!

**Q8. 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.