

# Thistleworth Tennis Club

## ***Frequently Asked Questions about Membership***

The questions below have been produced to help potential new members with advice and guidance about joining Thistleworth Tennis Club.

### **How much does it cost to join the club?**

A breakdown of normal and discounted costs are detailed below.

<b>TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP</b>	
Full Tennis	<del>£250</del> £200 in your first year
Intermediate Tennis	<del>£230</del> £180 in your first year
Veterans (70 and over)	<del>£150</del> £140 in your first year
Student Tennis (16 and over)	<del>£90</del> £80 in your first year
Junior Tennis (15 and under)	<del>£50</del> £40 in your first year
Social/Bridge	£30

During 2017/18 there is a discount of £50 available for Senior & Intermediate members in their first year. Therefore, the first-year membership fee for a new adult Intermediate member would be £180 (£230 less £50). There is no joining fee to be a member of the club. A first-year discount of £10 is available for Veterans, Students and Juniors.

### **In addition to this, new for 2017/18 - there is a 20% reduction for Family Membership, 2 adults and 1 or more junior living at the same address.**

### **When does the membership year start and are there any reductions if I join part way through the year?**

Yes, there are reductions if you join part way through the year.

The membership year starts from 1<sup>st</sup> March and runs until the end of February. If you join part way through the year, the following pro-rata membership fee is available.

March to May	- 100% of membership fee is payable
June to August	- 75% of membership fee is payable
Sept to November	- 50% of membership fee is payable
Dec to February	- 25% of membership fee is payable

See the below for a full breakdown of discounted first year membership costs.

<b>Joining month</b>	<b>March - May</b>	<b>June - Aug</b>	<b>Sept - Nov</b>	<b>Dec - Feb</b>
<b>Full Tennis</b>	£200	£150	£100	£50
<b>Intermediate Tennis</b>	£180	£135	£90	£45
<b>Veterans</b>	£140	£105	£70	£35
<b>Student Tennis</b>	£80	£60	£40	£20
<b>Junior Tennis</b>	£40	£30	£20	£10

### **Can I pay my subs monthly?**

Yes. You have the option to spread the cost of your annual membership fee over 12 monthly payments. If new members chose this option, the first year's membership discount is not available. A breakdown of monthly fees is shown below.

	<b>Monthly standing order</b>
<b>Full Tennis</b>	<b>£23</b>
<b>Intermediate Tennis</b>	<b>£21</b>
<b>Veterans Tennis</b>	<b>£14</b>
<b>Student Tennis</b>	<b>£9</b>
<b>Junior Tennis</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Social</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**Are there any additional costs after I have joined?**

No. The only additional cost is if you want to use floodlights, these are £2.50 for 30 minutes.

**When can I use the courts?**

Members can use the courts free of charge at any time. However, there are some court priorities that apply at certain times. For example, on Saturday afternoons where full members have priority over intermediate members and vice versa on Sunday afternoons. See the Club rules for a full list of court priorities – these are available outside the clubhouse.

Juniors have priority on court 7 at all times.

**How do I get access to the courts?**

All new members are informed of the security code to unlock the courts, changing rooms and ball cupboard. These areas are secured with combination locks.

**Should I join as an Intermediate or Full member?**

This depends on your playing standard. Intermediate players are players who are new to the game, whilst Full members will be established players. One of the Coaching Team will advise you on this. The Tennis Committee upgrades selected Intermediate players each year.

**Can I play for one of the club teams?**

Yes, we have 3 men's and 3 ladies' teams that compete in the Middlesex Tennis Summer League. Talk to the team captains to arrange a trial.

**How can I get some Tennis Coaching?**

There are regular adult and junior group coaching sessions available at the weekend. See [www.thistleworth.net](http://www.thistleworth.net) for the latest coaching news.

**Is there a social side to the club?**

Yes, we have regular social events, these include dinner & dances, BBQ's, fun tennis tournaments and lots more. There is usually a club organised event every month. See [www.thistleworth.net](http://www.thistleworth.net) for a full list of our social events.

**How do I get to know other members?**

Members are issued with the contact details of all other club members so you can make direct contact to arrange matches. Alternatively, there are mix-in sessions at the weekend and midweek. The coaching sessions also provide a good opportunity to meet players of the same age and ability.

**What are the opening times of the bar?**

The bar is open Monday to Friday from 7pm until 11pm.

**What other benefits are there with club membership?**

New tennis balls are provided by the club every week. Members get a discount on hall hire charges. Bar prices are much cheaper than pub prices.

**Where can I find out more information?**

Further information is available on the club's website [www.thistleworth.net](http://www.thistleworth.net) or my calling John Love (Club Secretary) on 07511 886971.

**How do I join?**

Complete an application form and post it to our Club Secretary – John Love, 29 Witham Road, Isleworth, MIDDX TW7 4AJ.

There is no interview or playing-in test.