

Holmfirth Tennis Club

MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK

2025 season

Affiliated to the
Lawn Tennis Association

Elected officials, team captains and committee members for the 2025 season.

	Name	Telephone No.
Chairman	Laura Molloy	07894476869
Treasurer	Ann White	07983122463
Membership Secretary	Colin Bolton	07951076017
Secretary	Linda Hollingworth	07592091303
Team Captains		
Men's A Team	Sam Ratcliffe	07463794723
Men's B Team	Howard Best	07753300976
Men's C Team	Oliver Bolton	07810885229
Ladies A Team	Linda Kenworthy	07890082480
Ladies B Team	Claire Lawrence	07785500967
Yorkshire Men's Team	Will Cole	07592692945
Yorkshire Ladies Team	Michelle Pinch	07913216984
Club Coach and Junior Tennis Co-ordinator	Gillian Kilner	07780828819
Club Coach	Natalie Gill	07751817326
Tournament Organiser	Colin Bolton	
General Committee	Gillian Kilner Andrew Hobson Sam Ratcliffe Ann White Colin Bolton Laura Molloy Kevin Drayton Natalie Gill Linda Hollingworth Colin Chawner	
Welfare Officer	Andrew Wood (Sam Ratcliffe from 2026)	07368580990

There is a link on the website to view our safeguarding policy. For any safeguarding concerns please email lhollingworth52@gmail.com who will raise these with the committee. If it is an urgent matter please contact the welfare officer direct.

Holmfirth Tennis Club is run by volunteers who are committed to ensuring all members enjoy their tennis in a friendly, safe environment. The committee and team captains all have roles to play and give their time freely to support the club and its members. The committee members have to deal with legal, financial and ongoing maintenance and repair of the facilities. We kindly ask that members support our volunteers and give consideration to supporting the club from time to time with volunteering to support ongoing maintenance or key roles required. The club will remain operated by members for members and committee roles will be arranged on rotation every few years.

WEEKLY TENNIS COURT SCHEDULE

You can just turn up and play or can book a court by contacting Colin Bolton.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP FEES

Senior	£170
Veteran (65 and over)	£110
Intermediate (17 - 18)	£110
Student (in full-time education)	£110
Junior (11 to 16)	£65
Primary (under 10 on 31 December)	£25
Family (2 adults + 2 intermediates/juniors)	£410
Visitors	£5
Floodlights	£6 per hour per court

COACHING

Gillian Kilner and Natalie Gill provide private and group session coaching at the club both can be contacted direct by phone or email for current rates and availability.

Gill Kilner	gillkilner68@gmail.com	07780828819
Natalie Gill	natgill21@hotmail.com	07751817326
Sam Ratcliffe	samwratcliffe@gmail.com	07463794723

CLUB PROCEDURES

This season the Club is continuing to use a padlock access to the courts with a code that will be sent to all members once subs are paid. Keys for the Club House are also in the code lock box. Members are kindly requested to ensure the following guidelines are adhered to:-

1. Members should lock the padlock on the gate when leaving the court at the end of play.
2. Members should treat the courts and Club House with care and respect, ensuring all electrical appliances and lights are turned off and the club house securely locked when they leave. (If a member opens the Club House, they should ensure that they either close the Club House when they leave or that they identify another member who will be able to close the Club House at a later time.)
3. Please be careful with the padlock keys and return them safely to the deposit box.

OTHER CLUB SOCIAL AND FUND RAISING EVENTS

The Club arranges monthly social events on Sunday afternoons throughout the year, subject to weather conditions. Information about these will be circulated to all members by email a couple of weeks in advanced. It is important that the organisers know the numbers of attendees for these events to ensure they can be well catered and arranged to provide some profit to the club. Members support for these events is greatly appreciated as it assists in funding the ongoing running and maintenance of the clubs facilities. Visitors can attend with a member a £5 fee is payable per visit.

CLUB TOURNAMENTS AND LADDER

We run in-house club tournaments throughout the year with a mixed winter tournament and box league for juniors. We also arrange ad-hoc social days with mini-tournaments during the main tennis season. We have a singles ladder too.

CLUB SOCIAL TENNIS

If you don't have a regular partner, want to play more or just to meet new members, why not come to a social tennis session. This year we are planning to hold these open social sessions every week, they are open to all members and will be arranged through the club "What's app tennis chat groups" on:

Sunday 10.00-12.00noon

Thursday 6.00 -7.30pm (during summer match season this will be alternate weeks)

Ladies Social – Saturday 2.00 – 4pm

Veterans social tennis groups – both organised via "Whatsapp Groups" are Monday U3A Group 9am to 12 noon (exclusive to U3A members but Club veterans can join U3A) and Thursday 9am to 12 noon joint U3A/Club Veteran's group. Contact Linda Hollingworth: lhollingworth52@gmail.com 07592 091303 or Sue Hobley: 07889138836

FLOODLIGHTING

Quality floodlighting is installed on all courts and has been upgraded this year. This allows extended play all year round. Flood lights can be used and paid for by the hour at £6 and payment for these is made on an honesty basis direct to the clubs bank account by BACS notices with full details are in the clubhouse. Please note that due to local by-laws lights must be turned off by 9.55pm. For Social sessions payment will be confirmed by the group organizer for court lighting and payments should be made direct to the club's bank account.

ANNUAL SOCIAL EVENTS

Details of all events will be available on the club notice board and via the general tennis "Whats app group tennis chat group". We hold 3 – 4 Sunday Socials each year.

Constitution and Rules

1. The club is Holmfirth Parish Church Tennis Club for its constitution and legal dealings this has been shortened to Holmfirth Tennis Club for day to day running and marketing purposes.
2. The club is governed by a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and a Committee of at least five but no more than seven other members.
3. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at such a time and place as the committee may determine, no later than the third week in November in each year. Notice of the date of the AGM shall be given by the Secretary at least three weeks in advance in writing to all members. Items for the Agenda and nomination of Officers and Committee must be received by the secretary in writing at least a calendar month in advance of the AGM. All nominations must be proposed and seconded by members of the club and should also bear the acceptance signature of the nominee. Agenda and minutes of the previous AGM will be sent to all members in advance of the meeting.
4. The captains of the senior teams will be elected at the AGM.
5. The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer are all elected for two years but may offer themselves for re-election after that time.
6. A half yearly membership can be offered to members joining late in the season (October - March). Any other adjustments as at the discretion of the committee.
7. Subscriptions will automatically rise by the rate of inflation each year rounded up to the nearest pound. Any increase of more than this will need to be proposed and voted on at the AGM.
8. Subscriptions are due by 30 April each year (there after late fee charge of £5).

9. Junior members may play up to 6pm or after if senior members are not requiring the courts.
10. Members introducing visitors will be responsible for their conduct and ensure that the fee of £5 per visit is paid to the club via bank transfer and advised to the treasurer.
11. The Club land is private and only member's dogs are allowed, we kindly request that dogs are kept on a lead when on the club premises and all dog mess must be bagged and removed.
12. Membership of the club is open to all and will be arranged via the membership secretary.
13. Lights must be turned off the premises left secure by 9.55pm each evening giving due consideration to local residents.
14. Any complaints must be made in writing to the committee and will be considered at the next committee meeting and responded to following this.
15. At busy times singles should not be played and players should mix in for doubles, short sets to 6 with sudden death deuce should be played to allow all players to fairly use the courts.
16. Clubhouse keys are provided in the court key lockbox. The code for the lockbox is shared with members via the tennis club What's App group.
17. The committee shall be empowered to arbitrate in disputed matters, to suspend or expel any member or officer whose conduct it may consider to have been in any way derogatory to the club, subject to an appeal to the general body of the members at an AGM.
18. Members who join the league teams accept that the Captain's decision is final.
19. These rules may be altered, amended or added to only at the AGM with a proposal to the committee including the proposed full working for the proposed amendment.
20. No smoking or vaping within the Clubhouse building or on the tennis courts.
21. Parents must at all times be responsible for their children while on the club's premises.

Please note all contents correct at time of writing.