

# **JUNIOR CHARTER**

Welcome to Chapel 'A'. Our aim is to improve the standard of junior tennis play, both individually and collectively, and provide enjoyment of tennis through competition and coaching.

Below are the competitions, court allocations and court booking rates that we offer our junior members.

## **COACHING and CLUB RATING**

Junior tennis coaching is organised in group sessions that run for the duration of a school term. Children of similar abilities are placed in classes and as well as being taught fundamental skills, they learn how to enjoy the game and are introduced into the fun of playing for points. Once they have attained the confidence and ability to compete, they are encouraged to obtain a Club Rating and enter the club junior competitions that are relevant to their ability.

### **COACHING**

The Club has an excellent team of qualified tennis coaches that offer a wide range of group and individual tennis coaching opportunities. Coaching takes place after school and at weekends and offers short tennis lessons for children aged 4 – 8 and group lessons for children up to 18 years old. Individual ½ hour lessons can also be booked. In addition, special fun sporting events are regularly arranged during the school holidays. Please check the Coaching Noticeboard in the main corridor to keep abreast of events on offer and the prices charged.

### **CLUB RATING**

Juniors are encouraged to obtain a Club Rating and enter competitions as soon as possible. Realistically, this is as soon as they are confident enough with both their game and the scoring to play a full competitive set that may include a tiebreak.

### **BEGINNERS**

The easiest way to obtain a Club Rating is to enter the Club Junior Box Leagues. Do this by either writing your name and telephone number in a gap in one of the lowest leagues or on the form provided for new entrants that is sited adjacent to the leagues. You will assume the lowest Club Rating available (8.1) that will be adjusted as soon as your results indicate that an alteration is appropriate.

### **INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED PLAYERS**

If you are receiving coaching, ask your coach to provide you with a Club Rating. Otherwise allocate yourself a rating (not better than 7.1) that is equal to another junior of a similar standing.

Your Club Rating will be adjusted regularly to reflect your results.

### **STAR JUNIORS**

Juniors that reach a standard of 6.2 and better are considered for Star Junior status. This allocates them adult court booking rights and entitles them to enter adult club tournaments. This status can be removed in the event of bad behaviour or loss of form.

### **ELITE SQUAD COACHING**

Players qualify for the free Elite Squad coaching by winning promotion and attaining Premier League status in the Chapel 'A' Junior Box Leagues. This coaching is paid for by Chapel 'A' and takes place for 1½ hour on Saturday nights and runs throughout the year.

# **COMPETITION**

Much of the fun in tennis is experienced through competition. Players learn the excitement of victory and the disappointment of defeat, and how to handle them both. In junior tennis, competition provides the opportunity to use skills learned in coaching under pressure. It is also a great way to make friends.

## **DAVIS CUP**

This competition is run by the tennis coaches three times a year to coincide with school terms in spring, summer and autumn. Players enter by completing a form and sending it to the Head Coach with the appropriate entry fee before the start of each term. Players are then graded by ability into three levels and one player from each level is selected for a team (given the name of a country). A broad schedule of matches is published and players arrange their own games over an allotted period. The number ones from each country play each other, likewise the number twos and threes. Results go towards a team score and the two teams at the end of a term with the best results are invited to play a final. A trophy presentation and a meal follow this final. Matches are of one-set duration and this competition is ideal for players wishing to sample their first experience of competition. Juniors often progress through the Davis Cup into the Club Junior Box Leagues.

## **CHAPEL 'A' JUNIOR BOX LEAGUES**

These are held every 6 weeks throughout the year. Matches are of one-set duration with a tiebreak played if the score is five all. Promotion and relegation operated between the leagues and players that do not play for two sessions are automatically dropped from the leagues. The leagues have an overall pyramid design to ensure that improving players can reach the top quickly and that higher rated players should experience a variety of opponents. Players in the top two (Premier Leagues) at the end of each session are invited to free Elite Squad coaching. Prizes will be awarded for good results and / or playing lots of matches.

## **LTA BOX LEAGUES**

These leagues have four sessions per year, two in summer and one each in autumn and spring. Players have to apply to the LTA for their rating that needs renewing annually. These leagues are for better, more experienced players of at least 7.1 standard. They allow players to play the best of three tiebreak set matches for 'ratings points' that are needed to improve your LTA Rating. Players with good results will be promoted but automatic promotion and relegation does not apply to these leagues. Occasional prizes will be awarded for good performances. A sheet is provided for players to play Extra Day matches and gain even more points. Players with LTA Ratings can enter LTA sanctioned tournaments away from Chapel 'A'.

## **JUNIOR TENNIS TOURNAMENT**

This is a one-day tournament held in August and is a fun mixed singles round robin event for juniors aged 8 to 15. The number of games per match will depend on the size of the entry. A light lunch will be provided and prizes are awarded. This is an excellent light-hearted day for all standards.

## **STAR JUNIOR TOURNAMENT**

This event is played during August. All Star Juniors are eligible to enter. The format will depend on the size of entry and a trophy and prizes will be awarded.

## **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Juniors holding a rating of 6.2 or better can enter this tournament. The draw is staggered so that players of similar standards meet in the early rounds and better players enter in the later rounds.

## **JUNIOR TEAMS**

We are asked to enter teams in local leagues in December / January each close season. What teams are entered will depend on the enthusiasm and playing strength of children to play and the availability of adults (usually parents) to supervise and co-ordinate selection and travel. In recent seasons, we have entered the local Leeds Junior League at under-14 and under-16 level where teams can be made up of a mix of girls and boys. We occasionally enter other national competitions of varying age groups. Our second National League team is considered a suitable starting point for good juniors to be introduced into adult singles competition.

## **ADULT TEAMS**

Star Juniors with a rating of 6.1 or better are considered for selection to adult teams. Often their first match will be a singles in one of the National Club events. After they have attended Match practice evenings and improved their doubles skills, they can be selected for one of the three adult teams that compete in the Yorkshire League. Juniors selected for these teams are not required to pay a match fee.

# **COURT ALLOCATION and BOOKING RIGHTS**

Chapel 'A' aims to maximise junior playing opportunities through providing privileged court allocation and reduced booking fees.

## **JUNIOR CLUB PLAY**

This is held every Saturday morning from early April to late September (excluding August) outdoors from 10 a.m. to noon. Supervision is by adult volunteers on a rota basis (usually parents – can you help?) and occasionally there will be coaching input. Two outdoor courts are allocated for this event.

## **JUNIOR SUMMER TENNIS MORNINGS**

These are held on five Tuesday mornings between 10 a.m. and 12 noon in the early weeks of the school holidays. They combine social mix-in play amongst juniors with coaching input and supervision. Occasionally a light lunch is included.

## **JUNIOR PRIORITY COURT ALLOCATION**

### **WEEKDAYS**

One outdoor junior court is allocated per night after 6 p.m. on weekdays. Juniors have priority booking rights on this court.

### **WEEKEND COURT**

Juniors have equal booking rights with adults on all courts at weekends.

## **JUNIOR COURT BOOKING**

### **WEEKDAYS**

All juniors have equal booking rights with adults on all courts including indoor courts on weekdays to 6 p.m. The outdoor junior court can be pre-booked for a maximum period of one hour at a cost of £1.

### **WEEKEND COURT**

The outdoor junior court allocated all day at weekends (subject to there being no other special event taking place on the courts) can be pre-booked for a maximum period of one hour at a cost of £1.

## **NON-BOOKED COURTS**

All juniors can play on any outdoor court that is non-booked and open for play at no charge. Likewise, adults can play on a non-booked junior court at no charge. In both cases, play may continue for a maximum of one hour or to the next booking, whichever is the shorter.

## **NON-JUNIOR ALLOCATED COURTS**

Non-junior allocated courts booked by an adult for singles or doubles may include juniors but players must include a minimum of one adult. This arrangement is designed to encourage family play.

## **INDOOR COURTS**

Any time an indoor court remains free from a booking, a junior can, for a maximum period of 1 hour, make a prior day or same-day reservation for £2 or walk-on reservation for £1.

## **INDOOR COURTS – BLOCK BOOKING**

After September 1<sup>st</sup> in any indoor winter play period, if an indoor court remains free from a block booking, it can be block booked by a group of Star Juniors for a minimum period of 10 weeks at a rate of £4 per hour.

## **STAR JUNIORS**

Other than where stipulated above, Star Juniors have adult booking rights.

## **JUNIOR BOOKING RATES**

### **OUTDOOR COURTS**

The rate is £1 per hour for a maximum period of 1 hour.

### **INDOOR COURTS**

Juniors can reserve indoor courts for play up to a week in advance of their play day.

**Up to 7 Days Prior Rate            £2 per hour**

**Walk-on Rate                            £1 per hour**

No booking will be taken that leaves ½ hour unreserved between consecutive bookings.

These rates apply to juniors playing other juniors. If an adult is playing, then adult rates apply.

Rates apply to friendly and club approved competition matches.

## **JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP FEES**

We have two age categories for junior sport at Chapel 'A', Under 14 and Under 18 on the 1<sup>st</sup> January of the year of membership. Juniors can join for either tennis or squash or combine both sports.

Current annual rates at 1/1/2001 are:

Under 14	Tennis £20	Squash £15	Combined £25
Under 18	Tennis £50	Squash £25	Combined £55

Juniors can also become members at Chapel 'A' as part of a Family Membership.

The Family Membership category includes a husband, wife and all children aged under 21.

## **STUDENT MEMBERSHIP FEES**

After Junior Membership, Chapel 'A' offers very attractive membership terms for students.

Membership rates include full tennis and squash status and daytime gym membership.

Membership is available on a full year or 3-month basis

Annual Student Membership	£100
3-month Student Membership	£40

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