BYFLEET LAWN TENNIS CLUB LIMITED

BLTC Team Guidelines

This document is intended to provide some general guidelines for club members playing in teams using the club's name or facilities.

A copy of these guidelines can be found on the club website, together with the names of team captains and team captain guidelines.

Team Member Guidelines

If you wish to represent the club and be considered for one of the team squads:

- You must have paid your club subscription for the season as appropriate.
- Let the coaches/captains know that you want to be considered for selection before each season begins and be available, where possible to attend any team selection sessions.
- Accept the decisions of the captains in making selections and managing the teams.
- Be prepared to play both home and away matches.
- Be prepared to stay for post-match refreshments with the opposition.
- Arrive punctually for the start of the match.
- Take responsibility for updating your captain about any changes in your availability.
- Do not drop out of a selected match at short notice. It is difficult to replace players at the last minute and may result in the match being forfeited.
- Pay the relevant match fees.
- Remember that you represent the club and behave accordingly on and off the court.
- Enjoy the matches you are selected for! Team play offers the opportunity to enjoy some great competitive tennis and meet new tennis friends.

Team Selection Guidelines

The overall aim is to ensure a team achieves the best results possible with the players available. Prior to the start of the Summer and Winter seasons, representatives of the Tennis Committee, together with the relevant team captains, will:

- Organise team practice(s), under the guidance of the coaches, for players interested in playing for the teams.
- Meet to discuss requirements and select players for teams based on playing standard, starting with the highest graded team and progressing to the lowest (e.g. Surrey Mens 1, followed by Surrey Mens 2, 3 and 4). Where players are of a similar standard, other factors such as reliability may be taken into account.
- Consult as required with the coaches for advice.

Separate practices and selection meetings may be held for different leagues (e.g. Surrey, Woking etc.

The selection process may allocate players to a lower graded team if that player would be potentially under-utilised playing for the higher team.

All players, who have indicated they want to be considered for a place in a squad, will be included in the selection process but it may not be possible to accommodate everyone as a core member of that squad. They may be asked if they are prepared to go on a reserve list or recommended that they are more suited to another league team.

BLTC Tennis Teams Sub-Committee
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