



YOUGHAL LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Established 1893



MEMBER WELCOME BOOKLET

On behalf of all members and the committee of Youghal Lawn Tennis Club, may we warmly welcome you to our club. We trust you will enjoy many hours on court and meet new fellow players.

This membership booklet provides the following information:

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Club Officers & Committee Members

Officers

President	Frank Delaney
Chairperson	Patrick Corkery
Secretary	Grainne Scully
Treasurer & Membership Secretary	JJ Cooley
Club Captain	Don Sheehan
Junior Secretary	Caroline Connelly
Vice-Captain and Junior Officer	David O 'Connell
PRO	Amanda Morrison
Grounds Development and Planning	David Clarke
Child Protection Officers	David O' Connell/Caroline Connelly

Committee Members

Darragh Martin	Emma Martin
Robert Flynn	Colman Motherway
Norma O' Keefe	Stephen Gillman
Conor Treacy	

Grounds & Court Maintenance	Paul Barenski
Club Coach	Michael Russell

Membership

Membership is yearly and runs from 1st May to April 30th.

Membership Rates

Category	Standard ¹	Country ^{1,4}	Over 65, ^{1,5}
Family	€245	€130	€130
Adult	€185	€90	€90
Student ²	€70	€55	€55
Junior ³	€60	€45	NA

¹ Includes Tennis Ireland Capitation Fees (Current rates – Family: €40; Adult: €20; Student/Junior: €10)

² To qualify for the student rate you must be over 18 years and still in fulltime education.

³ Junior members are those aged under 18 on the 01/01/2024

⁴ Available to members of other clubs. Increased rate to include TI capitation.

⁵ To qualify for the Over 65 rate you must be at least 65 years of age on the 01-05-2024



**Please note parents wishing to play with their children must also be members.
All juniors must have adult supervision when playing.**

Club Communication - WhatsApp Groups

Once you pay membership you will be added to the membership group and if applicable to the Junior Members WhatsApp groups.

WhatsApp is the main means of communication for club events (e.g. coaching, junior lessons, club competitions, charity tournaments and more).

Club nights are also managed via WhatsApp groups.

Social Media

Our PRO maintains a social media presence with pictures of events and general club info:

<https://www.facebook.com/youghaltennis>

<https://instagram.com/youghallawntennisclub>

Courts

We have 4 floodlit courts to allow for year-round play, a practice court and a practice wall. Only members may use the courts and practice wall, represent the club in competitions, or participate in organised events except for prospective members attending Club Night and Open days/nights. Non-members and visitors may pay a green fee of €10 per court per playing session.

Lights

Tokens for the lights are available from Spar across the road from the Strand Church. They cost €2.50 per half hour of play. Spar provide this service as a courtesy to the club. If you let the lights run out during play please wait for 10 minutes before inserting the next token.

Key

A key to the main gate and club house is available to members for a €10 deposit. Contact JJ on (087) 7997716 if you need a key.

Booking Courts – Skedda

Please register for access to the online Skedda court booking system here:

https://yltc.skedda.com/register?i=257074&k=Dy7N_HWR93FUmaiYinGd0037V03NLmf

There is also an app you can download from the iOS and Google app store for your phone.

Skedda is also used to reserve the practice wall and book the Ball Machine.



Courts must be booked before you play, if you are unable to make your booking please remove the booking from the Skedda system to allow other members avail of the courts.

Courts are booked in 30 minute slots.

Ball Machine

We have a ball machine owned by the club which can be rented by adult members for €5 per hour. You must receive induction/safety training from Dave Clarke before you can rent the ball machine.

Club House

The Club house has a small kitchenette, a ladies and gents changing rooms and toilet/shower facilities.

Tennis Racquets

There are eight tennis racquets belong to the club which can be used by all members. Please put them back in their cases after you have finished with them. If they are not in the main part of the club house they will be in the ladies changing room.

Pickle Ball & Table Tennis

The club will soon be adding a pickle ball court area in the practice court. More to follow on this.

The club has an outdoor table tennis setup for use by members. The table tennis racquets and balls are in the club house.

Coaching

There are regular Adult and Junior coaching sessions for all levels by our Club Coach Michael Russell.

Adult coaching sessions normally run for 5 or 6 weeks and are advertised in the main members group. Junior lessons which run in 10 week blocks are advertised in the Junior members group. There are several sessions per year. Our club coach also runs Cardio Tennis sessions.

Please contact Michael Russell if you would like a 1-1 coaching session. Michael's number is (086) 2457470.

Club Nights

The club is quite active with multiple club nights.

Beginners, Grade 6 and Grade 5 level

Sunday @ 6 pm – 7.30 pm

Monday @ 7 pm – 8.30 pm



We also run regular coaching sessions as part of this group.

Contact JJ Cooley on (087) 7997716 to be added to this club night group.

Grade 4, Grade 3 & Grade 2

Tuesdays @ 7 pm – 8.30 pm

Contact Paddy Corkery on (087) 811 0408 to be added to this club night group.

All Levels:

Thursday @ 7pm, organised and run by our Club Captain Don Sheehan: (087) 2408097

Junior Information

There are regular lessons for juniors which run in 10 week blocks, these normally run on Saturdays and Thursdays.

We also run a junior summer camp for members and non-members in July or August, the camp lasts four days and is grouped by age.

We run regular fun friendly competitions with neighbouring clubs and an internal box league.

Please contact our Junior Officer Caroline Connelly on (086) 1722047 for further information.

Competitions

The club runs several competitions a year:

- Annual John Hunt Memorial Interfirm
 - A mixed grade format competition, runs over 2/3 weeks with lots of teams from other tennis clubs and teams from YLTC
 - See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WxhjDORyTCc> for a video summary of this years competition which ran in May 2023
- Youghal Open
 - Part of tennis Ireland open tournament series, runs in July
 - Runs for a week and we setup a marquee and have players from lots of clubs competing
- Internal Competitions
 - Singles and doubles tournaments organised and run by club captains
- Munster League Competitions
 - Winter League, Spring Cup and Summer Cup run by Munster Tennis
 - <https://www.munstertennis.ie>
- Tennis Ireland National Calendar
 - There are lots of competitions throughout the year which you can enter:



- <https://www.tennisireland.ie/competitions/calendars/>

If your interested in playing competitions outside of the club you will need a tennis Ireland pin number, register here: <https://ti.tournamentsoftware.com> and you must be graded by our club coach. Contact the club captain Don Sheehan (087)-2408097 to arrange grading. This also applies to Junior members competing outside of the club.

Etiquette

Players should arrive at least 5 minutes before they are due to play. If other members have occupied your booked court, you have the right to ask them to leave. PLEASE do not just take another court as that court may have been booked by other members.

If the courts are not occupied within fifteen minutes of the time of booking, other members have the right to use the court.

Tennis shoes with white non-marking soles must be worn on the courts. When a match is in progress, do not cross the court please use the walkway above the courts to access courts 2, 3 and 4. If your ball goes onto another court, please wait until that court halts play to retrieve it.

NO chewing gum allowed on the club premises at any time.

NO smoking or vaping is allowed in the club grounds.

Child Protection and Codes of Conduct

The club has a strict Child Protection Policy that we adhere to. The club has two adult members who are specifically responsible for young people. Please refer to the Junior Notice Board in the club house entrance for their contact details. A copy of our Child Protection Policy is also available on the notice board.

Rules and Constitution

A copy of the Club Rules and Constitution are available in the club house on the notice board.

Health & Safety

There is a first aid box in the kitchen next to the fridge. A defibrillator is available on the wall beside the entrance gate to the club house.

Please note that while the club takes every reasonable measure to ensure the safety and protection of all it's members including Junior members it is the responsibility of parent(s) or guardians to ensure their child is supervised at all times while on the club premises.

Please report any safety issues or incidents to a member of the committee.

Please close the gates and turn off the lights if you are the last person to leave the club.

