



Overview for Team Tennis at Knowle and Dorridge Racquets Club

Aims

The club's aim is to encourage and enable as many members as possible to participate in playing in competitive teams and to enjoy the experience of representing the club in a variety of competitions.

The club is also looking to develop all players in a safe and inclusive environment, especially the juniors as they move into becoming adult members.

Methodology

-Before the start of each season the Tennis Sub Committee, following recommendation from the main Ladies' and Men's Captains, will refer to the main committee in connection with any increases or decreases in the number of teams that will be entered into the various leagues and competitions for the following season.

-The club will look to assess players via match practice sessions, training sessions, coach and captain feedback and previous experience of playing in teams. All members will be given the opportunity to attend match practices.

-Players will be allocated to individual squads prior to the start of the season following discussions between the club coaches and the main Ladies' and Men's Captains.

-The main captains will appoint the individual team captains.

-Selection of the teams for individual games falls within the responsibility of the individual captains but must be in line with that team's aims and objectives.

Principles

The principles of each team are reviewed each year but will follow some basic guidelines as detailed below:

-The club coach, main Ladies' and Men's Captains should ensure squads are sufficient in size for the number of games to be played over the season.

-Teams must be chosen from the available players in the allocated squads.

-Team Captains should pick teams from all available squad players and should try and ensure all players have an equal opportunity to play.

-All players from a squad should have the opportunity to play at least once during a season.

-Players should not be picked from higher or lower squads unless there are no players available from the captain's allocated squad players, as agreed with main captains beforehand.

-The 5th team, ladies and men, is designated as a junior development team and therefore should predominately be played by juniors looking to develop into the full adult teams. (A junior is designated as any member who is below the age of 21.) There must be a minimum of 2 juniors in all games unless previously agreed upon by the main captain or the club coach. If there are insufficient juniors available, then intermediate fee paying members should be selected prior to adults. The adults selected to play should be sympathetic to the junior team environment, preferably not from the 1st and 2nd adult teams and not drafted purely to ensure there is a win.

-All team members must adhere to the clothing requirements of the club and must behave in a way that does not bring the club into disrepute.

-All team members must have fully paid up any membership fees.

-Players may advance to higher squads or move down squads at the discretion of the main team captain or club coach, this includes the junior players.

-Teams should not aim to obtain promotion to higher leagues by using player bias or drafting in higher team players.

-Following the fixtures being allocated, it is recommended that the individual team captains check the courts for home games have been booked in accordance with the fixtures and refer to the main Ladies' or Men's Captains if they are any issues regarding this.

- No team has priority over another team in connection with court bookings.

- Referral to Tennis Chair and Tennis Sub Committee should be after main captains have been consulted.

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