

# Discovery Park Tennis Club Inc

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## THE DISCOVERY PARK TENNIS CLUB INC BY-LAWS

Playing Procedures & Conditions will be as follows:

### 1. Court Bookings:

#### Members:

Members may phone 0466 439 660 to make playing arrangements. Your membership card and \$10.00 deposit must be left at time of booking or collecting the key. Courts are to be locked and the key returned at conclusion of play, deposit maybe forfeited if not returned within the nominated time frame of 1 hour.

Only financial members will be allowed to use the courts free of hourly charge (day) with a maximum of 2 hours per daylight hours.

**Each member** is entitled to 2 hours free of court hire per day per person. You can book a subsequent 1 hour at the current nominated hourly rate, e.g. if you play with Fred in the morning you cannot then play with Bob in the afternoon.

Definition - Time starts from when the court is actually booked and concludes after a maximum of 2 hours regardless if you are running late.

Excludes - Social Groups, DPTC Authorised Professional Coach, tournaments, Round Robin Fun Days, fixtures and Competitions

Additional Court Hire can be booked which will incur a fee of the current hourly court hire rate and can only be done at the time of booking if the court is not booked after your allocated time slot, maximum 1 extra hour per day. No advance booking accepted.

When a member has visiting friends or relatives who are not residents of the Gold Coast, their visitors may be invited to play on the courts as guests - visitors' good conduct will be the responsibility of the member. Guest may only play on the court while a member is present.

#### Non Members:

Courts may be booked by phoning 0466 439 660.



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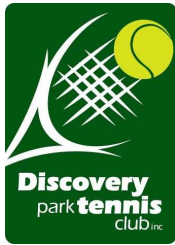
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An hourly day and night rate will apply at the rate applicable at the time, with a \$20 deposit.

## 2. Rules of the court care must be observed at all times.

- (a) The courts are to be used for playing tennis only, as the surface could be damaged by the playing of other sports.
  - (b) The courts and surrounding area are to be left free of any debris or rubbish.
  - (c) Approved types of tennis shoes are to be worn when playing - wearing of non-tennis shoes is prohibited (no thongs, or dress shoes including non-marking shoes). No bare feet allowed at any time.
  - (d) Chairs and sharp objects are not to be taken onto the court area.
  - (e) No riding of bikes, skateboards, roller blades - or take toys onto the court surface.
  - (f) There is to be no climbing on the wire fencing, no swinging on the shade sails, no jumping the net or untoward behaviour, no obscene language.
  - (g) No alcohol to be consumed on Club premises unless at an event sanctioned Club Function. The use of illegal drugs on the Club court's or premises is prohibited at all times.
  - (h) If a rain event occurs within DPTC complex, **all courts must cease tennis activities forthwith and are not to be used** until such time as the rain event has ceased and the courts have been squeegee and are reasonably dry enough to allow further play.
  - (i) In the interest of player safety once the street lights come on all playing / training on courts 5 & 6 must cease. If on the top courts (1, 2, 3, and 4) turn on the lights provided, to ensure adequate lighting
  - (j) The Discovery Park Tennis Club Inc. acknowledges that The City of Gold Coast Council By - Law #12 (Animal Management rule 2013) is part of The Discovery Park Tennis Club Inc. By - Laws.
3. No person will be allowed to conduct professional coaching classes on the Discovery Park Tennis Club courts without the written consent of the Management Committee.
  4. The rules of the game, under which members play, shall be those adopted by Tennis Queensland and the Gold Coast Tennis Association.
  5. Anyone participating as an individual, in a social group or in fixtures teams will be required to become members of Discovery Park Tennis Club once having played three (3) times.



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- **Responsibility as to who monitors memberships;**

*Individuals* - the Management Committee

*Social Groups* - Social Group representative / organiser

*Fixtures* - Fixtures court supervisor

6. Membership fees will not be refunded for relocation purposes or personal decisions
7. Smoking is not permitted within a 5-meter exclusion zone of all Discovery Park Tennis Courts.
8. Social - constitutes 6 members or more members playing, on a regular basis
9. Club courtesy as well as to all members, requires that all cancellations must be rung through to 0466 439 660 as soon as possible, but no later than 1 hour prior to booking time, otherwise a \$10 fee maybe charged
10. Breaches of Playing Procedures and Conditions;

Breach constitutes any non-adherence to playing procedures and conditions as listed in the By-Laws

**When first occurs:**

Minor Infringement - Verbal Warning

Serious Infringement - 1<sup>st</sup> written warning sent out to advice of the offence

**Second warning:**

Minor Infringement - Written warning sent out to advice that this a repeat offence and explanation required

Serious Infringement - 2<sup>nd</sup> written warning sent out to advice that this a repeat offence and explanation required

**Third and Final warning:**

Both Minor and Serious Infringements will be sent out a further written notice to appear at a meeting (of the Management Committee) to show just cause why their membership should not be terminated.



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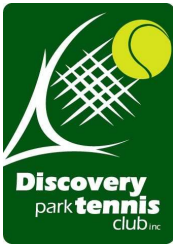
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## TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- (1). If a member –
  - a) Is convicted of an indictable offence; or
  - b) Fails to comply with any of the provisions of these rules; or
  - c) Has membership fees in arrears for a period of two (2) months or more; or
  - d) Conducts himself/herself in a manner considered to be injurious or prejudicial to the character or interests of the Club, the management committee shall consider whether his or her membership shall be terminated.
  
- (2). The member concerned shall be given a full and fair opportunity of presenting his or her case and if the Management Committee resolves to terminate his or her membership it shall instruct the secretary to advise the member in writing accordingly.

## APPEAL AGAINST REJECTION OR TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- (1) A person whose application for membership has been rejected or whose membership has been terminated may within one (1) month from the date of said meeting and being notified in writing thereof, lodge with the secretary written notice of his and or her intention to appeal against the decision of the management committee.
  - (2) Upon receipt of a notification of intention to appeal against rejection or termination of membership the secretary shall convene, within three (3) months of the receipt by him or her of such notice a general meeting to determine the appeal. At any such meeting the applicant shall be given the opportunity to fully present his and or her case and the Management Committee members thereof who rejected the application for membership or terminated the membership subsequently shall likewise have the opportunity of presenting its' or their case. The appeal shall be determined by the vote of the members present at such meeting.
  - (3) Where a person, whose application is rejected, does not appeal against the decision of the Management Committee within the time prescribed by these rules or so appeals but the appeal is unsuccessful, the secretary shall forthwith refund the amount of any fee paid.
11. Failure to attend an Appeal or Show Course meeting after being given due and timely notice (emergency's excepted and acknowledge by the Management Committee at least 7 days prior to meeting) automatically relinquishes their membership with no redress and or appeal, funds paid to the date of the meeting are to be returned to the member.



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12. Any member whose membership is terminated as per clause 11 cannot reapply for membership for a period of **Two (2) years** from date of termination and only then if approved by the Management Committee.

## “Discovery Park Tennis Club Blue Card Requirements”

A. Committee Members elected at the Discovery Park Tennis Club Inc. Annual General Meeting must hold or apply thereafter appointment for a Valid Blue Card or other documentation as outlined by Blue Card Services and this evidence must be supplied to the Secretary.

B. From time to time *casual* Management Committee positions may become available, a Valid Blue Card is also required to have or be obtained after appointment regardless of the duration.

C. An elected Management Committee Member who does not currently hold a Valid Blue Card and whom has applied for same will be entitled to attend and vote on all matters other than any discussion on junior member’s activities; were they will be classed as an observer at that Management Committee Meeting.

D. Once the Blue Card requirement as outlined in Blue Card Services is met and the Secretary holds a copy of the Valid Blue Card, the Elected Management Committee Member will have full voting rights at **all** subsequent Management Committee Meetings from that point forward.

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Management Committee



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## Appendix A

### Members wishing to raise issues or items of concern

Must do so by written correspondence (email, fax etc.), which can be submitted to any committee member (list of names and details are posted in the notice board outside the clubhouse) and will be tabled at the next Management Meeting. A reply will be sent back within 7 days after that meeting.