

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

The **2024/2025 Season** is for **12 months** and will run from **1st April 2024** until **31st March 2025**.

St Paul's is a small, friendly club with two outdoor tarmacadam courts. We offer club sessions for adults of a reasonable standard who can play doubles tennis in organised mixed sessions. Whilst we do not have a specific junior section, families with children are welcome to apply for membership and can book courts for their own use.

Prospective members are welcome to come down during one of the club sessions to visit the club, meet with members and have a set or two to help you decide whether you want to apply to join. Alternatively, please just complete page 4 of the attached application form, pay your membership fee by online banking (including your fees for key deposit, balls and any tournament fees if applicable) and return your form to the Club Secretary.

The Annual Subscription

is:

- Full** **£105.00** (members aged 18 years and over and no longer in school education on the first day of the season)
- Junior Secondary** **£50.00** (members in school years 7 – 13 on the first day of the season)
- Junior Primary** **£28.00** (members in school up to year 6 on the first day of the season)

A Family Membership Discount of 15% is applicable to the total sum payable:-

This is available where a family of 3 or more members wishes to join and must include at least one adult member and one junior member.

The Key to the grounds and tennis pavilion is available to members for a £5 returnable deposit from the Captain. Once in possession of a key you are entitled to use the courts provided you have made a prior booking.

Court Availability: The two courts are available to be booked between 8.30am and dusk Monday to Saturday and from 10am to dusk on a Sunday, except during Club Session times or when there is a Surrey league match. Courts can be booked in advance using the ClubSpark booking system which is available to all adult members. If you are a new member, please request our separate document entitled '*St. Paul's Tennis Club - Court Booking Arrangements*' for details on how to access the ClubSpark system.

Club Sessions

Saturday afternoons from 2pm (April to October) + from 1:30pm (November '24 to March '25).

Tuesday afternoons from 2pm to 5pm.

Wednesday afternoons from 2pm (April 5th to May 8th '24) and from October '24 to March '25.

Wednesday evenings from 7pm until dusk (no floodlight) from May 15th '24 to end September '24.

To attend a Club Session on Saturdays or Wednesdays you will need to respond to the email which is sent out each week by Caroline Corfield (Saturdays) and John Ryland (Wednesdays) inviting members to join in the Club Session. In this way doubles games can be arranged in advance. The Tuesday afternoon session includes group coaching for adults on a private fee basis. Anyone interested should contact Bridget Wray on 01689 847081 to check on availability. Individual Coaching is also available but please contact Bridget for further details.

Visitors: Visitor fees Adults £3.00 and Juniors £1.00.

Members are welcome to invite friends and family members to play at the club as visitors provided the appropriate visitor's fee is paid. A single individual may only play as a visitor a maximum of six times in a membership year. (Any visitor wishing to play more frequently than this should apply for membership). Please book your court and make payment of the visitor fee by online banking before playing, using "your surname/visitor" as a reference.

Tournaments and League Matches

If there is a sufficient number of team players available, then St Pauls will enter Men's and Ladies doubles teams into the Surrey Leagues.

We run internal club tournaments in the summer months and if you would like to participate in these tournaments please confirm your entry on the attached application form. Entry costs £2 per person per tournament (which helps cover the cost of tennis balls and prizes).

We are also organising a Winter Inclusive Tennis Tournament (WITT) over the winter months.

Membership of the Lawn Tennis Association – FREE to club members

We encourage all members of St Paul's LTC to join the LTA's Advantage Play+ scheme by visiting the following website:

<https://www2.lta.org.uk/advantage/>

Advantage is the LTA's membership scheme. Membership is free and offers many benefits. By signing up you can save money with discounts on top brands, win prizes, watch and read exclusive content. **We recommended you join as an Advantage Play+ member**, which is free, and provided you have linked your membership to St Paul's via the "My Venues" tab, you can enter future LTA Advantage Ballots to win the opportunity to purchase Wimbledon Tickets. You will also need to create an LTA account to book a court via the ClubSpark system.

Tennis Balls

Tennis balls are supplied for club sessions. If you would like a new tin of 4 Wilson US Open Tennis Balls for your personal use, these can be purchased from the Club for £6 per tin. Please include the fee with your application form or contact the Club Captain at any time during the season.

St Paul's LTC policies

St Paul's LTC policies (Child Protection + Vulnerable Adults, Diversity + Inclusion, Safeguarding, Whistleblowing) are all available upon request from the club secretary. Our Data Protection policy is available on the website.

Dates for 2024/2025

Joint Tea with the Croquet Section

Our annual joint Afternoon Tea with our friends from the Croquet Section is planned for **Saturday 29th June 2024** at 4pm and will be hosted by the Croquet Section. All members are welcome to this social event which will take place after normal club play.

The next Annual General Meeting of the Tennis Section will be held at 7.45pm **on Monday 3rd March 2025** at St. Paul's URC, Croham Park Avenue, South Croydon, immediately followed by the Main Club A.G.M. at 8.30pm. All members are welcome to attend.

An Application Form should be completed for each person applying for membership and returned to the Club Secretary in either paper or electronic form (only page 4 of this document is required):

Mrs Ros Cox, 19 Hurst View Road, South Croydon CR2 7AJ

E-mail:- roscox19@gmail.com

Any queries should be addressed to the Club Captain, Caroline Corfield, on caro.corfield@btinternet.com

