

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

The **2025/2026 Season** is for **12 months** and will run from **1st April 2025** until **31st March 2026**.

St Paul's is a small, friendly club with two outdoor tarmac 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	£110.00 (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. 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 (which also involves creating an LTA account – see below).

Club Sessions *(times may vary slightly depending on time of year, weather and availability of players)*

Saturday afternoons from 2 - 5pm **Tuesday afternoons** from 2 - 5pm.

Wednesday afternoons from 2 – 5pm in April and May '25 and from October '25 to March '26.

Wednesday evenings from 6pm until dusk (no floodlight) from mid May '25 to end September '25. To attend a Club Session on Saturdays or Wednesdays you will need to respond to the emails which are sent out each week 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 and a Spring Masters for the over 70s in the Spring term.

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 have created 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 Safeguarding policies and Club Rules

Our Club Rules are attached to this document.

St Paul's LTC safeguarding policies are all available on our website, in the tennis pavilion or upon request from the club secretary.

By submitting a membership application to us, you are confirming your acceptance of our Club Rules including safeguarding codes of conduct etc.

Dates for 2025/2026

Joint Tea with the Croquet Section

Our annual joint Afternoon Tea with our friends from the Croquet Section is planned for **Saturday 28th June 2025** at 4pm and this year it will be hosted by the Tennis 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 2nd March 2026** 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

CLUB RULES - USE OF ST. PAUL'S TENNIS COURTS

The grounds and facilities at St. Paul's Tennis and Croquet Club are shared between the Tennis Club and the Croquet Club. The following are intended to be helpful guidelines for use of the facilities by all Tennis Club members.

- The courts are reserved for club sessions on Saturday afternoons, Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday afternoons/evenings in the summer (May to September). They may be used for general play outside of these times provided the court has been booked in advance through the ClubSpark system. You may play on Sunday mornings after 10 a.m. unless there is a match. Out of respect to our neighbours, please keep noise to a reasonable minimum at all times.
- All visitors using the courts (i.e. anyone who has not paid a membership fee) shall be liable to pay £3 (adults) or £1 (child). A person may only play as a visitor a maximum of six times in a membership year and not on Saturday afternoons (unless seeking membership). The fees should be paid by online banking in advance using "*your surname/visitor*" as a reference.
- Please wear clothing appropriate for tennis, and in particular shoes with non-marking soles should be worn so as not to damage the surface of the courts.
- After unlocking the main gate, please attach the padlock to the back of the gate, as this gate is used by both tennis and croquet club members.
- Please enter the tennis courts by unlocking the padlock on Court 2 and then using the wooden gates to access Ct 1.
- The tennis court nets can be set to the correct height using the measuring pole which hangs at the end of the net. **Please lower the nets again slightly once you have finished playing.**
- The courts should only be used for racket sports. No other games, toys, bicycles, skates, etc. should be used on the tennis courts as they could cause damage to the surface.
- The club cannot take responsibility for unsupervised children attending the venue.
- If needed, the keys to the toilet block can be found on the coat hook inside the "pavilion" door to the right. Please replace the keys on the hook after use.
- There is a First Aid Kit in the pavilion. Any incident should be recorded in the Accident Book (also in the pavilion). If you use the last of something in the kit, please let the club secretary know so that items can be replaced.
- In the pavilion, there is a clear plastic tub with balls for general use.
- The electric fence on the croquet lawn has been erected to prevent lawn damage by foxes and badgers. This fence is switched on 24/7 so please take care not to touch it when retrieving tennis balls from the croquet lawn. **Please do not allow children to play around or near it.**
- If balls go into the neighbours' gardens they will probably be returned in due course. You must not go into any of the gardens to retrieve them.
- Please do not leave any litter, chewing gum, water bottles etc. on the courts or in the pavilion. Please take it home with you!
- Please ensure that anything taken out of the pavilion is returned, that lights are switched off and the doors are securely padlocked before leaving.
- The two wooden gates between the upper and lower tennis court should be hooked closed after use so that they are not damaged in high winds. Please also close the high metal gate between court 1 and the tennis pavilion.
- Finally, please ensure that the padlock on the entrance gate to court 2 is re-locked after use. If you are the last person to leave the site, please also ensure the main gate is securely locked by attaching the padlock through the right-hand hole of the latch after it has been engaged with the catch, thus preventing it from being opened.

Many thanks and we hope you enjoy your tennis games!