



Welcome to Ormskirk Tennis Club

Thank you for joining Ormskirk Tennis Club, the Management Committee would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to you and trust that you will enjoy many happy hours of tennis.

Ormskirk Tennis Club was established in 1905 and has a proud history of providing residents and the local community with opportunities to play tennis both at a competitive and social level. Listed below is some key information about the club, which you might find helpful.

Club Facilities:

- Five state of the art, outdoor, all weather artificial clay courts
- Two floodlit courts
- Clubhouse with kitchen
- Separate male & female changing facilities including showers
- A small bar which offers both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks and snacks
- Table Tennis table and lounge area
- Car Park

Opportunities for Playing Tennis:

The club strives to provide opportunities which satisfy the requirements of all members whatever their age or ability. Competitive opportunities are offered through participation in the Southport & District League and the Liverpool Tennis League. Players registered as British Tennis Members may also participate in tournaments offered through the LTA by Tennis Lancashire.

In order to participate in League matches members must be registered by their own club, this cannot be done until the annual subscription to Ormskirk Tennis Club has been paid. Members are reminded that the deadline for payment is 1st April each year.

Anyone requiring further information about playing for teams should please contact Jenny Watling on 07753 743021

New members may register to become a British Tennis Member at no cost by accessing the LTA website, www.lta.org.uk, or by contacting the club secretary, Brenda Golds on 07845 146681.

Membership also allows for entry into the Wimbledon Ballot.

The club also provides a comprehensive programme of social tennis throughout the year including; social tournaments, daytime and evening social sessions and free play. Information about all tennis opportunities is displayed on the club notice boards and the website.

The main competitive tennis season lasts from April to September but in order to provide further year round opportunities the club operates an internal Winter League from October to March. This is a social event and all senior and student members are welcome to participate.

The club has a thriving junior section catering for children from four to sixteen. Juniors participate in competitive tennis events through membership of the Southport and District League and through LTA tournaments. Junior Social sessions take place on Friday and Sunday.

Juniors aged under ten must be accompanied by an adult at all times but those aged eleven to sixteen may play whenever the courts are not in use for timetabled events.

Adults who wish to play only with their own children may take out Parental Membership which allows them to play whenever the courts are not otherwise in use.

When on court members are requested to adhere to court etiquette and not to walk across or behind courts when play is in progress. If balls accidentally roll onto court please return them when convenient.

During 'Social Play' no membership type takes precedence over any other. If members are waiting to play during designated social times, then the game which has been in play the longest should be restricted to one tie break set before players give way to those waiting.

Coaching:

Ormskirk Tennis Club is proud to offer the services of a strong team of LTA accredited coaches led by the Head Coach, John Chatterley. An annual programme of coaching opportunities is arranged to cater for all senior and junior levels, ranging from beginner, through improver to advanced players. Information is displayed on the noticeboards and on the club website. Further details can be obtained from the Head Coach, John Chatterley, on 07980 941288. All coaches are LTA qualified and DBS registered.

Welfare and Safeguarding:

Ormskirk Tennis Club is committed to offering a safe and inclusive environment for members, coaches, volunteers and parents to come together and enjoy the sport.

The club adheres to the LTA's Safeguarding policies and procedures through the implementation of the Ormskirk Tennis Club Safeguarding Policy and Action Plan which aims to minimise risk, deliver a positive tennis experience and respond appropriately to any safeguarding concerns/disclosures.

Ormskirk Tennis Club is committed to prioritising the well-being of all children, young people and vulnerable adults by promoting safeguarding in our club at all times, including any programmes and events which take place on club premises or at other locations. All activities, events and competitions arranged by the club are run in accordance with the LTA's Safeguarding at Events, Activities and Competitions guidance.

All coaching staff, junior captains and volunteers who regularly come into contact with children, young people and vulnerable adults are subject to a criminal records check.

The club welfare officers are Jenny Watling and Rob Owens; they are responsible for the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults and any concerns should be addressed immediately to:

Jenny Watling on 07753 743021 or
Rob Owens on 07916 139342

Information about welfare and safeguarding plus the club policy is displayed on the noticeboard in the clubhouse and on the club website, please take the time to make yourself familiar with it.

Clubhouse and Bar:

The social areas of the clubhouse comprise a lounge area, kitchen, table tennis area and bar. These are available for use by all members at any time. Please ensure that other members can enjoy these facilities by keeping the clubhouse clean and tidy when used.

Please clear away food and drink on the tables or counter tops, wipe up all spills immediately and brush the floor if necessary before leaving.

When making use of any kitchen equipment, including crockery, cutlery and glassware, please ensure items are washed thoroughly and returned to their correct location.

The club employs a cleaner and groundsman for a few hours each week but it is the duty of all users to maintain the facilities as they would wish to find them.

The bar area is restricted to persons authorised by the committee to dispense drinks or snacks. Junior and student members under the age of 18 are not permitted to enter the bar. Designated members act as key holders.

Courts:

The club has invested heavily in state of the art, all weather courts which can be used throughout the year. Unless otherwise timetabled the courts are open for free play from 9:00am - 10:00pm.

Court bookings can be made and seen via the ClubSpark website - <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/> Sign in with your LTA logon and then follow the online instructions.

In order to preserve the life of the courts and to maintain the best playing surface you are asked to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Please make sure that footwear is clean to prevent debris being walked onto the courts.
- Food, drink and sweets must not be taken onto the courts as any spills soak into the carpet and cannot be removed. Water in plastic bottles may be taken onto the courts but glassware and cups must not be used.
- When play has finished all debris, including the sharp metal lids from ball tubes, should be placed in the bins provided.
- It is the responsibility of all members to keep the courts clean and tidy in order to prolong the life of the carpet.
- Courts must be brushed after play leaving them accessible to others and to prolong the life of the carpet. Please brush the court lengthways from net to fence ensuring that all playing areas, areas between courts and the run off to the fence is brushed, this not only restores the surface to a suitable playing condition but also deters the growth of moss and weeds. The courts must be brushed in all conditions unless there is standing water on the court.
- The club enters into a maintenance contract with Envirolawn which entails five visits per year in order to keep the courts in optimum playing condition.

Dress Code:

Members and visitors are required to wear appropriate tennis clothing and footwear. Football kit, jeans and beachwear are not acceptable. To prevent damage to courts, ridged, serrated, studded or pimped soled trainers must not be worn. Please make sure that all footwear is clean before accessing the courts.

Changing rooms and showers are available in the club house.

When leaving the courts, and before entering the club house, please ensure that all sand is cleaned from the soles of shoes. Sand should not be walked into the clubhouse as it damages the floor surface. Brushes and mats are provided at the exit to the courts and at the clubhouse door.

Timetable:

Ormskirk Tennis Club operates a court time table via the ClubSpark system, which can be accessed via the club's website or by visiting <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/> and signing in using your LTA login. If you have any issues accessing the system, please contact John Chatterley via email - coach@ormskirktennisclub.co.uk

As a large number of players and groups access the courts on a regular basis, please check when the courts are free and if you wish to play at a certain time please use the court booking system. When the courts are not timetabled players are free to make use of the facilities.

Access to the Club House:

Senior and Student members can obtain a key to the club house from Rob Owens, 07916 139342, or Brenda Golds, 01695 575045 at a cost of £5. An alarm system is in use and details of how to operate this will be made available to members upon joining. It is important that all members set the alarm and lock up after using the clubhouse facilities. When leaving please make sure that all lights and heaters are switched off.

Security:

As is standard practice these days, Ormskirk Tennis Club must ensure that the club house and its facilities are protected. We ensure that this is done by using a combination padlock on the main gate leading to the patio area outside the clubhouse. Upon joining, new members will be made aware of the combination.

When leaving the club please ensure that the clubhouse door is locked, the alarm is set and the gate is padlocked securely. For additional protection, security cameras are mounted around the perimeter of the roof and this provides an extra layer of safety for our members.

Information:

Information about on going events can be found on the noticeboards in the clubhouse, on the club website, www.ormskirktennisclub.co.uk and Facebook. Members may be contacted with details of events by text or email from time to time therefore it is essential that these details are updated with the Membership Secretary, Rob Piper, on 07540 655606

Management of the Club:

The club is organised and run by a Management Committee, composed of volunteers, which meets each month. It is responsible for all aspects of administration and organisation from liaising with the LTA to day to day issues such as maintenance and health and safety. The committee is made up of officers; Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Other positions include the Club Captain who is responsible for arranging League Matches, the Club Coach who organises and presents the coaching programme, including school and community liaison, the Membership Secretary and General Members. The committee is always keen to welcome new members and if you feel you could contribute in any way please speak to the Chairman, Rob Owens or any of the officers listed.

The Annual General Meeting takes place each October when the committee reports to the membership and decisions as to the future of the club are taken. This is an important opportunity for members to help forge the development of the club and you are urged to participate.

Who's Who:

		Telephone:
Chair	Rob Owens	07916 139342
Vice Chair	Dave Sherwood	07917 531606
Secretary	Brenda Golds	07845 146681
Treasurer	Conor MacGabhann	07861 129777
Membership Secretary	Rob Piper	07540 655606
Club Captain	Jenny Watling	07753 743021
Club Coach	John Chatterley	07980 941288