

## **Club Session Ethos**

The purpose of the Club Sessions, and the peg board system, is to allow everyone attending to get their fair share of play, with a varied mix of people, without needing to know anyone else. Members are expected to be friendly, welcoming and inclusive to all other attendees.

Club Sessions are open to all adult members regardless of playing standard. There is a strong element of pot luck in who you will play with over the course of a session, and that is an integral part of their nature and spirit. In attending Club Sessions you must be content to play with any other member or visitor who attends. It is against the spirit of Club Sessions to make oneself unavailable for a set in order to avoid playing with particular members or visitors, or in order to wait for a preferred member if this causes other members having to wait.

**Court Surfaces:** The sessions may use up to all seven of the club's courts. Most members prefer the clay to the tarmac, but as three of our seven courts are tarmac, inevitably a significant proportion of sets must be played on tarmac courts. Members attending sessions must accept this. It is not in keeping with the spirit of club sessions to make oneself unavailable for a set to avoid the tarmac if this causes a delay for other members playing.

If you need to take a break from playing during a session, try to do so when this won't cause other members having to wait for their next set (e.g. when there are only four of you waiting, and you are needed by the other three). If under these circumstances you have a genuine reason for needing to take a break, please explain this reason to the other people waiting. A polite and genuine explanation goes a long way. Take your peg down from the line and only return it when you are available to play again, placing it at the back of the line.