

DTSC Tennis Coaching Newsletter Spring 2023

We hope you and your families are all well and have had a good start to the Spring term. Thank you all for your amazing commitment and support towards the tennis coaching programme at Dorchester Tennis and Squash Club throughout the autumn term.

The level of participation as well as the level of performance continues to develop very well. We hope to offer children more match opportunities this year as well as entering into team competitions such as Dorset Team Tennis.

Junior Coaching:

Our Spring term tennis programme has started well with good uptake across the age groups. We are currently running classes for children aged between 5-18 years old. If lessons are cancelled throughout the term due to adverse weather conditions we aim to catch these up during February half term or the first week of the Easter holidays.

The General Management Committee of the club have decided that juniors are required to be junior members of the Dorchester Tennis and squash club to train in the coaching programme. This is for a range of reasons, including safeguarding, health and safety and communication. They have also decided that new junior members joining, should have one parent join as a social member.

The annual cost for a junior membership is £5 whilst a social membership is £15. Any additional children who play cost £5. Please contact the club administrator Adam Lawrence on admin@dtsc.org.uk to update your membership in case it has lapsed or if you have any questions regarding club memberships. He can also be reached on 01305-268103 from 9-11am during week days. Please click the link if you would like to view the membership form: <https://www.dtsc.org.uk/how+to+join+us>

Code of Conduct

We are very fortunate to be able to play on artificial clay courts at DTSC. It is vital that we keep as much of the clay infill on the courts and not bring any inside the club house. If clay manages to get onto the squash courts it could cause great damage to them. Please could you ensure you or your child bring a spare pair of trainers and bag so that we keep the club house free from clay. There are benches down stairs where players can change into their tennis shoes. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this.

As a junior/social member you have been given a fob. This is for the club house and gives you entry to the squash/tennis courts. Please ensure you bring it with you when visiting the club.

So that everyone can enjoy their tennis and coaching in a safe and enjoyable environment, our Welfare Officer has just rewritten our [Safe & Inclusive Code of Conduct](#) which includes specific guidance for juniors and parents/carers. Please can you make sure that you all read and comply with this.

Adult Coaching:

We continue to run classes and individual sessions for adults throughout the spring term. Please contact the coaching team on headcoach@dorchestertennisclub.co.uk if you are keen to train or if you have any tennis related enquiries

Coaching Team Update:

Many congratulations to Ben Sanders for completing his LTA Level 1 Coaching Qualification. He has been assisting with the mini tennis squads for some time and has been a real credit to the club as player, coach and role model. Well done!

Class Manager: Players in the coaching programme should all be registered on 'Class Manager'. This will help us maintain records and send group messages out. Please register using the following link if you have not done so yet:

<https://app.classmanager.com/portal/mw-tennis/register>

February Half Term Tennis:

Date	Tournament	Time:	Cost:
13/02/2023	Girls U12/14/18	9.30-12.00	£10
13/02/2023	Boys U12/14	12.00-14.30	£10
13/02/2023	Boys U16/18	14.30-17.00	£10
14/02/2023	Mini Red and Orange Festival (U8/U9 Mixed)	10-12	£7.50
14/02/2023	U10 Mixed	12.30-14.30	£7.50
16/02/2023	U/12/14 Singles Doubles Festival	9.30-13.30	£15
16/02/2023	U16/18 Singles/ Doubles Festival	14.00-18.00	£15

Please contact headcoach@dorchestertennisclub.co.uk if you'd like to sign up for any of the tournaments above or for any enquiries.

We also offer advice and sales of tennis equipment, including rackets, grips and strings.

We Look forward to seeing you all on court!

**Michael, Ed and Kevin
Tennis Coaches**