

The Grove Lawn Tennis Club is a friendly and convivial family club that provides opportunities for members of all ages and all standards of play. As provided for under Rule 17 of the Club Rules, the Committee has made the following Bye-Laws for the proper control and management of the Club and for the benefit and enjoyment of all members.

BYE-LAWS

1. Members shall behave in a civil manner whilst on the Club premises and grounds and shall not interfere with play. All mobile 'phones shall be switched off.

Players shall observe proper court etiquette, including all of the following.

- (a) Respecting opponents.
 - (b) Not using any audible or visual obscenity.
 - (c) Refraining from racquet, court or ball abuse.
 - (d) Respecting Committee members, umpires, supervisors and other officials; accepting their decisions and obeying their directions and requests.
2. Parents must keep their children under control and not allow them to interfere with play, for example by making undue noise or by crossing run-backs during play.
 3. Members are asked to respect the courts by not skidding or otherwise damaging the surface. Climbing on or over the nets is specifically prohibited. To preserve the courts and for personal safety, members should not play whilst the courts are wet or slippery.
 4. After 6.30pm precedence shall be given to adult members over the age of 21 years. In addition the Groundsman has precedence in relation to ground maintenance (usually on Friday evenings from 5pm and on Saturday mornings until 10am).
 5. Tennis whites and proper tennis shoes shall be worn at all times whilst on court.
 6. Dogs and other pets are not allowed on Club grounds.
 7. Bicycles must be left in the cycle racks and not ridden over the grounds.
 8. Toilets must be left as you would wish to find them. The Clubhouse door must be locked by the last member to leave in the evening.
 9. Football and games other than tennis are not permitted on Club grounds.
 10. Members may apply in writing to the Committee for permission to allow visiting exchange students or relatives to use the Club facilities. Owing to pressure on courts other visitors cannot be accommodated.

The Grove Lawn Tennis Club is fully committed to safeguarding the well-being of its members. Every individual in the Club should at all times, show respect and understanding for the rights, safety and welfare of other members and conduct himself or herself in a way that reflects the principles of the Club as set out in these Bye-Laws and in the *Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport in Ireland*. Members are reminded that under Rule 17, the Committee has the power to terminate or suspend the membership of any member who fails to comply with these Bye-Laws.

For and on behalf of the Committee.

Nuala Burke, Secretary
February 2004

Thank you for your co-operation.