

## 3.3.3 Tennis Dress Code & Court Etiquette



### Tennis Dress Code

1. Senior Members must wear suitable tennis clothing (white or coloured) or T-shirts. Outer clothes may not include jeans, cut-offs or football strips.
2. Mini & Junior Members are encouraged to wear recognised tennis clothing although sports clothing of any nature is acceptable.
3. Playing surfaces can be damaged by inappropriate footwear. Proper tennis shoes must be worn by all player members; these must be heelless and any tread or pattern should be flat. Ridge-soled shoes are not acceptable.
4. It is your responsibility to inform your guests of all rules, especially the dress code. If guests are not properly attired or not wearing suitable footwear, they will not be allowed to play.
5. Any Senior Member has the right to request a player to vacate the court and change clothing or footwear.

### Court Etiquette



Tennis etiquette is different from the rules of the game. It covers a broad range of actions and behaviours, which are traditionally considered acceptable on and around the tennis court. Here are some actions and behaviours we would like all our club members to adhere by.

1. **Show Respect and Courtesy** - To your opponent(s), you're partner, and others on or near the courts. Keep your voice down and confined to your court as much as possible so as not to disrupt players on adjacent courts. Regardless of whether you are playing a social or competitive game no swearing or disrespectful language must not be used on court.
2. **Do not walk onto another court during a game** - Wait for the players to finish the game, or minimally the point, before walking onto their court. It is very distracting to have someone disrupt a game in progress, so if you must cross another court, do so after the game is finished, and go through the middle of the court, not round the back.
3. **Do not retrieve your ball from the other court** - If a stray ball comes onto your court don't knock it back immediately, wait until the owners are ready and then hit it to the server's end.
4. **Use the tennis courts for tennis** - A great deal of money goes into maintaining tennis courts, and it is not for BMX racing with bicycles or roller hockey and rollerblading. These other activities can damage the court surface, leaving it unplayable for tennis players, and can result in a large expenditure for repairs.
5. **Pick up after yourself** - Don't leave empty drink cans or old tennis balls or containers out on the court when you leave. Dispose of any rubbish you have in bin containers on or near the court if there aren't any, take it with you. If you have old tennis balls that you don't want anymore, don't leave them on the court.
6. **Mobile Phones** - The use of mobile phones on and in the vicinity of the tennis courts is forbidden.
7. **The Consumption of Food and Chewing gum** is not allowed on the tennis courts.