

NOLTC Membership terms and conditions – Updated August 2025

1. Objectives

NOLTC is an inclusive Club, with its primary objective being to provide facilities for and to promote participation of the whole community in the sport of tennis. Membership of the Club shall therefore be open to all persons irrespective of ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or beliefs; or of age, sex or disability except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of tennis as a particular sport.

2. Admission of Members

Any person who wishes to become a Member must submit an application in such form as the Executive Committee shall decide. In practice, applications for membership are usually made electronically, via the Club's website. Applications for membership of the Club will be granted unless to do so would be contrary to the best interests of the sport or to the good conduct and interests of the Club. Any applicant refused membership shall have the right to appeal against their rejection.

3. Classes of Members

There shall be two categories of membership: Full Adult Member and Junior Member. Only Full Adult Members (and Junior Members aged 18+) shall be entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at general meetings. Junior Members aged 17 and under shall be entitled to receive notice of and attend general meetings but not vote.

Within each category, there are a number of sub-categories, which are currently as follows:

Full Members:

- Individual aged 30 – 69
- Veteran aged 70+
- Young person/student aged 26 – 29
- Young person/student aged 19 – 25
- Family Members (i.e. up to 2 adults and any number of children aged 18 and under from the same household, or aged 19+ if in full time education at undergraduate level or below)*
- Parent Hitter (one parent of a Junior member aged 12 or under who is entitled to play tennis with their own child(ren) only)
- NCL Member (those who play in the National League, but who do not participate in other club teams/ activities)**
- Honorary Member**
- Coach**

**Family Members aged 18+ are Full Members with voting rights; children under 18 who are Family Members do not have voting rights.*

***These categories of membership are by invitation only, with Members being invited by the Executive Committee.*

Junior Members:

- Junior Members aged 4 - 8
- Junior Members aged 9 - 10
- Junior Members aged 11 – 18

Additional categories of membership/ amendments to the categories of membership may be recommended from time to time by the Executive Committee and approved at the annual general meeting.

4. Subscriptions

The annual subscription for each type of Member shall be recommended by the Executive Committee and approved at the annual general meeting. Any change to the annual subscription rate shall take effect from 1st April of that year. No Member shall be entitled to the privileges of membership until s/he has paid his annual subscription or initiated alternative prescribed monthly payments, i.e. set up a direct debit. Any Member whose subscription is not paid in full or who defaults on their monthly payments shall be deemed to have resigned his/her membership of the Club.

Discounts on the approved annual subscription rates may be given under certain circumstances on request. Such discounts shall be agreed by the Executive Committee on a case-by-case basis.

5. Membership term

Membership is an annual membership which runs for 12 months from the date of purchase or renewal of membership.

A temporary membership for a period of less than a year but a minimum of one month is available to those in Oxford for a short period, e.g. visiting academics/ students, those seconded to Oxford for work purposes etc. Requests for temporary membership should be made to the Membership Secretary.

6. Resignation

A Member may withdraw from membership of the Club at any time. A Member wishing to resign must give one month's notice, and fees remain payable until the end of this notice period. Any person ceasing to be a Member forfeits all right to and claim upon the Club, its property and its funds and has no right to the return of any part of his/her subscription; however the Executive Committee may refund an appropriate part of a resigning Member's subscription if it considers it appropriate taking account of all the circumstances. Membership shall not be transferable in any event and shall cease immediately on death or resignation or on the failure of the Member to comply with or to continue with any conditions of membership set out in these rules or in the Constitution.

A member who resigns their membership may not re-join the club within three months of their resignation.

7. Freezing/ suspension of Membership

If a Member is unable to play tennis at the Club for a prolonged period for reasons such as a long-term illness or injury (lasting more than 2 months), pregnancy or recent maternity or a secondment to another location, s/he may request that his/her membership be frozen. If a Member becomes ill or sustains an injury which s/he thinks is likely to mean that s/he will be unable to play tennis for a period of more than 2 months, s/he should alert the Membership

Secretary to this at the earliest opportunity. If s/he is paying membership fees in instalments, s/he should continue to make the payments. S/he should contact the Membership Secretary again at the end of the period of injury/ absence, at which point an appropriate number of additional months will be added to the Member's membership term, at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Membership will not be frozen for short-term illnesses or injuries (lasting less than 2 months) or for holidays of any length.

8. Discipline

All Members are obliged to comply with any Club rules and regulations. The Executive Committee shall have power to expel or suspend a Member when, in its opinion, it would not be in the interests of the Club for him/her to remain a Member. Details of the procedure for expelling or suspending a Member and for a Member to appeal against such an expulsion or suspension are set out in the Club's constitution. The Club may refuse membership or expel or suspend a Member from membership only for good and sufficient cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute.

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