



Welcome!



We're delighted you're either considering joining us, or maybe have already done so! Here's a brief overview of what the club has to offer as well as a few pieces of useful information to help you get the best out of your membership.

Club Contacts & Communication

The club uses email as its main way of communicating, so please let us know if you change your email address. There is also a wealth of information posted on the various noticeboards in the clubhouse, as well as the names of all our members, together with phone numbers for adults and all the committee members so it's easy to get in touch.

You can also visit our website at www.crossinhandtennisclub.co.uk or email membership-cihtc@outlook.com, with any questions, but all our members are very approachable, so if there's anything you need to know, just ask!

Ready to play?

The club benefits from four astro courts and two artificial clay courts. This is a distinct advantage over other local clubs, giving you a chance to experience and improve your game on both surfaces.

● Club Sessions for members

Club nights are every Tuesday & Friday evening (from 6 pm), Monday and Wednesday morning (10-12pm) and Club afternoon on Sunday 2-5pm. There are varying levels of tennis from easy to slightly tougher, just come along and mix in. We generally play doubles and everyone is very friendly.

● Tournaments

There are a number of social tournaments organised throughout the year which are good fun and where all members are welcome to turn up and join in – the bar is usually open then too! Details of these are sent out by email and put on the noticeboards in the clubhouse.

● Club Teams

Why not take it up a notch and play for one of our teams. The Club is represented in a number of local leagues, and details are on the board in the clubhouse - just contact the team captains if you are interested in playing. There are also regular weekly team practice sessions, providing another chance to play.

● Booking Courts

From the club website, choose the 'Court Bookings' option and then click on the CLUBSPARK logo bottom right – that will take you into a different page. You will need to register (top right-hand corner) and set up a password, then after you have registered you can book any available courts. This should be simple but let us know if you have any problems. If you want to bring along a non-member, there's a small guest fee payable.

● Floodlighting

This is free on Club nights and during match practice sessions. Instructions for use are next to the switches by the changing rooms. If you need them outside these times, and there's a small charge for this.

● Clubhouse Access

The club is always open when the coaches are there, and during the club sessions and team practice. Outside these times, if you feel you'd like a key, speak to a member of the committee member who can arrange this. We do ask for a £5 fee for a clubhouse key and you will also be given the alarm code for the door.

● Coaching

Our coaching partner, Elevate Tennis Coaching, provide all the Club's coaching requirements, including a huge range of programmes for adults and juniors alike - just have a chat with Nick Andrews who can provide you with the necessary details. Please note that if you are not a member of the Club there will be a small surcharge to participate in the coaching programmes. Visit elevatetenniscoaching.com

The social side

● Wimbledon Ticket Ballot Evening - In the last ballot there was a 1 in 2 chance of success!

The Club is allocated Wimbledon tickets by the LTA, based on the number of CIHTC members who are British Tennis Members. The Club then makes these tickets available, through a ballot, to current CIHTC members who have Opted-In. It's a brilliant way of increasing your chances to going to Wimbledon and as a member of CIHTC becoming a British Tennis Member is free. Go to <http://www.lta.org.uk/britishtennismembership/> where you can sign up or change your existing registration to CIHTC.

● Fancy a change from tennis?



The club bar has a well-stocked bar, run by our volunteers and is a good accompaniment to the Curry evening after club night on the first Tuesday of each month.

As well as a TV for use by all members, the club has a full size table tennis table available and a dart board - which means that whilst you're down at the club rain need never stop play!

● 100 Club – Includes Social Membership

For an annual contribution of £25, you have the chance to win a monthly prize of £25 and there are two larger prize draws each year too. Just choose an available number from those listed on the noticeboard in the clubhouse. These funds make a valuable contribution to maintaining the club's facilities - please consider joining!

Club Facilities

The kitchen is available for use by all members and tea, coffee and squash are provided free of charge. We do ask that you tidy up after you, but there's a dishwasher so it's not too onerous.



Wi-fi is available in the clubhouse and free to all – just connect to CIHLTC.

Housekeeping

We do ask that appropriate footwear and tennis clothing is worn on court. Please also take note of games in progress as you move around the club, and try to minimise any distraction to your fellow players.

The artificial clay needs a bit of TLC and to keep the courts in good condition, they should be swept in a circular motion (working from the outside in) with the sweepers provided on the courts after you have finished playing on them. Courts should be dragged by the last people to play, regardless of weather conditions. The clay is costly to replace, so we like to keep as much on the court as possible!

Membership Fees

Fees are payable annually, with a discount for renewals before 1st April. Membership categories and rates are shown on the website and on the Membership Information Sheet on display in the clubhouse. We also offer pro rata fees throughout the year.

Want to get involved?

The Club's day-to-day administration is run by a Committee made up of elected members: Chairman, Secretary and various other roles. Committee members are elected each year at the AGM. Running the Club takes a great deal of (mostly enjoyable) work and if you would like to get involved please don't hesitate to contact the Chairman. Currently, all roles are voluntary.

Sponsorship

Any members who would be interested in advertising their business in the Club grounds or by sponsoring the Club on a more general basis is very welcome and should contact the Chairman in the first instance.

Finally...

If you haven't yet joined, we hope we've convinced you! All the details you need are on the Membership Information Sheet which is on display in the clubhouse, or go online to www.crossinhandtennisclub.co.uk/membership/ and follow the link from there.

