

Categories of Club membership

The cost of membership varies with category of membership in order to reflect the availability of club facilities and times of usage.

The purpose of different categories of membership is also to ensure that the playing standard of people in each group is comparable. This should ensure that no-one should feel intimidated by those with whom they play in a group session, and similarly should enjoy the challenge of playing within the group.

Full membership.

This gives the maximum possible opportunity to play, including at the most popular times at the weekends, when the availability of courts is under most pressure.

Full membership also assumes a minimum standard of play which is described as: *“Able to maintain a rally in a match situation, familiar with basic positions for singles and doubles while developing consistency, footwork and tactical awareness. More mature club players may be doubles orientated.”*

Full membership is required for anyone who takes part in full member club sessions, as well as members invited to play in weekend matches or at team practise.

Standard membership.

This is appropriate for members who are not confident that they meet the playing standard required for full membership and do not wish to participate in the activity exclusively for full members described above. If you have any doubts, discuss this with the club coach.

Mid week membership.

This is a reduced price membership for those who only wish to use the courts on Monday – Friday 09.00–18.00.

Beginner membership.

This provides opportunity for those who are not yet at the stage of being able to participate with other members, and are involved in coaching courses. This category of membership cannot be renewed more than once, unless the ability to join in the Standard members club sessions has not yet been attained. Your coach will be able to advise on this. Non members undertaking coaching with the club coach are required to join the club after a maximum period of 3 months.

Student membership

This applies to members in full time education and below the age of 24. The price is very inexpensive and reflects the fact that most students spend much of the year away from Sevenoaks.

Junior membership

This is available to anyone under the age of 18 on the 1st April. Junior members must have a playing or non-playing adult who is responsible for them. Parents who use a court with their children are required to be at least Standard members. Juniors have equal rights to book courts as adults. Juniors are encouraged to participate in adult tennis when their ability allows them to do so. Junior membership is required of all juniors having individual coaching at Sevenoaks LTC, as part of the West Heath performance programme, with a coach approved by Helene Jackson.