



Lakewood Tennis Club Information Pack

Lakewood Tennis Club was founded in 1988 as part of the John A. Woods (Now CRH) employee's sports and social club. The Sport and Social Club itself, was founded in 1962. In fact today, the club is still wholly owned and controlled by the Sports and Social club. The lands and property continue to be owned by Cement Roadstone Holdings Ltd (CRH). The Lakewood sports complex currently operates within a long term lease, which will hopefully continue well into the future.

Lakewood Tennis Club Committee

The tennis club is managed by a committee which is elected each year at our Annual General Meeting, usually held at the end of March. The committee consists of an Honorary Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Captain, who are officers of the club. The committee will also include ordinary committee members to make up a management team of around 12 members. Anyone with full senior membership in Lakewood Tennis Club may serve on the committee.

The Tennis Club committee, along with the other clubs in the complex appoint a representative to serve on the overarching Sports & Social Club committee. All major decisions impacting the complex must be submitted in advance to the Sports & Social committee for their written approval. All clubs operating in the complex pay a capitation to the Sports & Social Club for general site maintenance. The Tennis Club also pays a portion of membership fees to the Sports & Social Club for the use of the Tennis Facilities and Club room which were originally constructed by the Sports & Social club members.

Facilities

Lakewood Tennis Club has 5 all-weather courts and a practice court. Three of them are blue Tiger Turf © playing surfaces and two are multi-purpose playing surfaces. All courts have excellent smart-controlled artificial lighting and have secure FOB access to the courts. We have a club room, kitchen, changing room and toilets which are located at the top of the stairway to the left of Court 1. All senior members can use these facilities, if they are not being used for other club purposes.

Booking Courts

Lakewood Tennis Club chose eBookingOnline.net as our court booking system. All members must use this system to book courts. The booking system serves as a register of players using our courts. Therefore everyone on court must be registered on the court booking record. Failure to do so is considered as a serious breach of club rules.

The booking system allows members to book a court up to two days in advance, starting at 7pm each evening. So, if you wish to book a court for 5pm on Thursday, you can book it after 7pm on Tuesday.

There is no charge to members for booking courts. However, there is a charge for guests and lights. Note - no Guests are permitted during the Covid restrictions. Members are limited to inviting guests to play with them for 3 matches, unless approved in advance by the Committee.



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Court Lights

Lights are controlled by our eBooking system, so players are offered lights at the time of booking, if the selected time slot is within 30 minutes of sunset. The ebooking system will automatically turn on the appropriate lighting for the court booked. Lights will switch on 6 minutes before your booked start time and will turn off immediately at the end of your booking.

In order to pay for lights, you must have sufficient funds in your eBooking wallet. Please ensure that you top up your wallet in advance of booking as it can take a few minutes for your top-up to go through to the booking system.

Each player on a court booking will pay an equal share of the lights cost. So if the lights cost 6 euro per hour, each player will pay 1.5 euro. If you substitute a player, the player joining will pay 1.5 euro and the player leaving will be refunded 1.5 euro.

If you cancel a booking at least 15 minutes before your scheduled play time, all players will be refunded. If you cancel a booking less than 15 minutes before play time, no refund will be given. So check with the weather and your fellow players to decide early, if you are not playing.

Access to Courts

Access to courts is controlled by a secure access electronic key Fobs. The Fobs can be purchased from the committee for 10 euro each. The FOB is linked to your name and will control and record your entry to each court and to the club house.

Competition

Lakewood Tennis Club is affiliated to Tennis Ireland and the Tennis Ireland Munster Branch. The club participates in all regional competitions and some members play at national and International level. We encourage all members to enter competitions and tournaments. In recent years, Lakewood players have featured very strongly in regional competitions.

As an affiliated Tennis Ireland club, we can host tournaments where points are awarded towards advancement to higher playing grades.

Tennis affiliation and inter-club competition fees are currently included in your membership fee.

Social Tennis

We realise that not everyone wants to play competitively and we strive to provide regular opportunities to play social tennis with organised Club nights and Social nights. We also organise social tennis events with other clubs, where the emphasis is on fun and enjoyment. Our social nights at the club often include musical entertainment and are held in our refurbished club bar. Normally, Club nights are run from 8pm – 10pm on Wednesday and Friday evenings. The format of the club night is Doubles tennis with partnerships and opposition players changing every 20 minutes, this is also known as an “American Tournament”.



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The Lakewood Ladder

We have been running a Singles League Ladder at the club for the past few years. This league is run for fun and is not to be taken too seriously. It is an ideal opportunity for new and old members to meet and play with other players. It also guarantees, over time, that everyone on the ladder will play other similar skilled players which challenge them to play their very best. Each player is placed on a rung of the ladder with 4 or 5 other players. They arrange between themselves to book courts and play their games. Each match consists of 11 games, with the final game being a tie-break to 10. Each game won earns 1 point, with a Max of 11 points available. Scores are entered by the players on eBooking Leagues. The player with the highest score from each rung progresses to the next above rung and the lowest score moves to the rung below. New players are slotted into the Ladder on a best guess to ensure that everyone has challenging games.

Guests

The tennis club is here to promote tennis and to encourage anyone interested in playing to Join our club. The Lakewood Sports complex deliberately keeps the cost of membership very low to make joining the club accessible to everyone in the community. Members may invite a guest to play, up to a limit of 3 times per year. The individual guest may only play 3 times at the club in any calendar year. If they wish to play more often, they must join our club. If you wish to exceed this, **you must get prior approval from the committee**. The guests name must appear **in full** on the eBooking system, for insurance and audit purposes. There is a charge of 4 euro per guest, which is payable on eBooking at the time you are booking the court. This does not include the cost of lights, which must also be paid at the time of booking. e.g. If you have 2 guests playing on your court and you use lights. You must pay 8 euro for your guests and 6 euro for the court lights, per hour.

Lakewood Open Tournament

The Lakewood Open Doubles tournament is normally held at the club towards the end of March each year. It is open to club players and players from other clubs. It is the highlight of our sporting year. We encourage members to play in our tournament for fun and to experience the thrill of competition. The tournament is open to all grades from beginner to grade 1.

We cannot run our tournament without the help and support of our members and friends. So if you join Lakewood, you should help out during this event. There's lots to do and your help will be greatly appreciated.

Coaching at Lakewood

We have a number of Coaches working at the club. They manage the Junior Coaching programmes and also provide coaching to our Senior players. We aim to run two group coaching sessions each year to help members improve their skills and tactics for playing the game of tennis. Our coaches also offer one to one coaching for individuals and one to two coaching for doubles players or game play for Singles. The Coach will book the court and pay for lights for your coaching session. The cost of coaching will cover these standing charges.



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Tennis Balls

Lakewood Tennis Club uses Tretorn Micro X, which are normally available for sale in the Bar at a cost of 10 euro for a pack of 3 balls.

Lakewood Tennis Club Communications

- Our Social News updates are posted on our Facebook site <https://www.facebook.com/LakewoodTC>
- Static Club Information is updated on our Website www.LakewoodTennisClub.ie
- We issue important news updates directly to members via their eBooking registered eMail address
- Urgent messages are sent as text messages to your registered Mobile Phone
- Our email address is TennisLakewood@gmail.com

Lakewood Tennis Committee 2020

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