

CLUB PLAY ETIQUETTE

Club Sessions - Peg Board System

We use a peg board system for fair and easy rotation of players and it works like this ...

- Each member has their own peg with their name on it. As players arrive they place their pegs in the queue to play. There is a section on the bottom of the board for available courts
- When a court becomes available the player at the front of the queue (far right) picks three others from the next seven pegs to play with (**Club Play is ALWAYS Doubles**)
- Those players' pegs are then placed on the appropriate court section while they play a set. When they return, their pegs are placed at the **back** of the queue - The two winners go first followed by the two losers
- **You should not end up playing with the same three players all session.** As tempting as this can be for 'established' fours it is unfair on other players and against the etiquette for Club Play - If your four has just come off court and there are only four or five players in the queue it would be a good idea to wait for another court to finish so that players can be mixed up a bit
- To ensure that everyone gets a game, we play short sets, i.e. first to 6
- If there are lots of players and not many available courts, you should **all agree** to play sets of **8 games** before retiring - regardless of the score - until it is deemed that it is fair to resume normal first to 6 games
- It is generally good etiquette to pick the player who has been waiting the longest but also try to pick an even set. For example, it is not normally a very good idea to mix very strong players and very weak players - neither will thank you for it!
- However, if you have two strong players and a weak player try to choose another fairly weak player to even it out
- We normally pair the strongest with the weakest to make the set as even and therefore as competitive as possible
- During Club Play sessions stronger players are expected to adjust their style of play accordingly when playing with or against weaker players
- If you are a new member picking a suitable four can seem a little daunting - don't be afraid to ask for help!
- Club Play balls are generally reused match balls and are checked by Avenue Tennis staff. Members are asked to bring the balls back to reception once Club Play has finished.
- Members are advised to pre-book club play via the Avenue Tennis app or reception as a certain amount of courts are allotted to club play sessions