

# **TENNIS SECTION BYE-LAWS**

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1. The Tennis Section of the BGC is organised to give members the opportunity to play social tennis and participate in internal competitions. These presently are: Angels & Bandits, Jim McColl and the Rejoyce trophies. Other internal tournaments may be introduced.
2. Open tournaments against Los Gigantes and the Dutch Club must be played outside of section hours/days, and may include non-members of the BGC, although encouraging them to join as members is advisable, though not mandatory \*Also see competition rules.
3. The contracted courts, playing times and dates, and any changes to the above, should be displayed for all members and visitors on the section notice board.
4. Courts are reserved at Alvaro's by means of a legal contract arranged each year by the Executive Committee and a section representative, who will liaise with the Club President prior to the meeting.
5. The court and player selection process on club mornings will be by means of a peg board system. This operation will be monitored by the Captain, or designated committee members. This will ensure fairness of play for all levels of ability.
6. Before becoming fee-paying members of the section, applicants must first be accepted as a member of the BGC. Minimum BGC membership status is three months.
7. Casual players/visitors may pay and play for up to three months.
8. Residents cannot use the pay and play option. They must sign up as a fee-paying member. The minimum requirement is three months (see note 5). This is during one 12 month period only.
9. Residents may try the facilities three times before deciding to join as a playing member of the section.
10. The Captain has the discretion to make exceptions to fully paid up members of the Bowls section.
11. At present the scale of membership is three, six, nine or 12 months. Fees are subject to change each year.

12. The section is headed by an elected Captain, who is responsible to the BGC Executive Committee. The Captain should oversee the organising, playing of competitions and social activities, also the control of the accounting of the section, along with the Treasurer.
13. The Captain will appoint a committee, normally comprising a Vice Captain, or competition secretary, treasurer, social organiser and up to three co-opted members. It is recommended that those on the committee are members of six months duration and above.
14. An annual tennis section meeting must be called and a report of the meeting will be prepared for presentation to the BGC Annual General Meeting.
15. At the section AGM, the Captain may be re-elected by a show of hands. However, a majority of those members present may request a ballot.
16. A quorum for the committee will be three members, including the Captain or Vice Captain.
17. Only section players of six-months membership (fee paying) and above will have voting rights. Three-month members may attend but will not have voting rights.
18. The BGC President or Vice President may attend the AGM.
19. In the event that the captain is unable to continue in the post, a special meeting (EGM) will be called by the BGC Executive Committee to appoint a new Captain or Acting Captain.
20. The tennis section committee should meet on a regular basis. If meetings are to be arranged at Alvaro's, complex, permission should be sought first out of courtesy.
21. A notice board for section events and information should be made available. This should be displayed on section mornings. Personal notices may be posted with the Captain's consent only.
22. All tennis section functions, lunches, etc, must be made available to all BGC members. However, priority is given to the hosting section's players and guests.
23. The tennis section information and events should also be placed on the notice boards at the English Library, and All Saints Church, and the Bowls section. It is also advisable to liaise with the other sections to avoid a clash of dates within the BGC

24. Fees for lunches etc. should be collected prior to the event, if possible

## **General Rules & Etiquette**

1. Internal competitions (eg Fun Days) are to be held on club section mornings, and all section fee-paying players must be given priority to participate. Casual visiting players may be asked to take part, but cannot be recognised as a winner of the competition. This applies to the Jim McColl and Rejoyce trophies, and Angels & Bandits.
2. Non-club section day tournaments (eg Los Gigantes and the Dutch Club competitions) are open competitions and places can be made available to all BGC members and non-members. However, non-members can be encouraged to join as a social member, but this is not mandatory.
3. Suitable attire and footwear is required at all times. Singlets are not acceptable for men.
4. All players within the section must behave in a manner sporting and courteous, and not likely to cause offence to other players and clients of Alvaro's.
5. Offensive language on or off court will not be tolerated at any time.
6. Please keep gangways clear of equipment at all times, especially when waiting to enter a court.
7. Periods of play on section mornings will be in 30-minute time frames. It is down to individual courtesy, and leaving and arriving on courts promptly, that will ensure the peg system runs smoothly and fairly.

***Maxine Self, Tennis Captain***

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