



# CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS

## **RINELLA TENNIS CLUB**

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Rinella Tennis Club (RTC) is a registered voluntary organisation that has been constituted since 1990. It is registered with SportMalta (Reg. No SM/C188) and the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations (VO/1950). The aim of the club is to provide all members with the opportunity to enjoy tennis in the areas of both recreational and competitive play.

When becoming a member of RTC you accept the following Terms and Conditions and other rules imposed by the Club:

## 1. COURT USE & BOOKING

- 1.1. The court is available 24/7. Only Members and their guests may play on the court. Junior members or guests (10 years of age or under) must always be accompanied by an adult.
- 1.2. Court gate and clubhouse combination codes and/or keys may change in order to keep the premises as secure as possible. Members should not pass on the current code/keys to friends or other third parties.
- 1.3. Before commencing play, players must ensure that they have booked the court via the online booking system. Walk-ins or use of un-booked slots is strictly not allowed.
- 1.4. Before playing, members must decide whether court is safe to use. The Committee may suspend or prohibit play if court is deemed unfit.
- 1.5. Scheduled club activities including those related to maintenance take priority over individual play. Please refer to the online booking system to determine which slots have been blocked for scheduled club activities.
- 1.6. A member may book a court up to 7 days in advance. The booking system will restrict any bookings trying to be made more than 7 days in advance.
- 1.7. Bookings may be made for a maximum for a 1.5-hour block. Bookings by the same member may not be one after the other (ex 4:30-6pm and 6-7:30pm) to extend playing time.
- 1.8. Before, during or after play, all members are required to abide by these rules & other court rules that are affixed within the clubhouse or on the club's website.

- 1.9. When leaving the court, check that no personal items are left behind; drop your recyclables and rubbish into the appropriate recycling and garbage bins. If you are the last person to leave the premises, please ensure that the clubhouse door and entrance gate are locked.
- 1.10. Neither the Club nor any Committee Member can be held liable for any damage, injury or loss caused by any act or omission of a member or guest. Members and guests must accept responsibility for their own safety and property.

## 2. Cancellations & Refunds

- 2.1. No cancellation fee applies in case of cancelled bookings. However, should you be unable to use the booking, please cancel the booking as soon as possible and at least 24 hours in advance as a courtesy to other members who may be waiting for a slot to open up.
- 2.2. Automatic refunds are issued when a booked court is cancelled before the booking time commences or when the Committee cancels your booking for unscheduled club activity or maintenance. Write to the club at [rinellatennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:rinellatennisclub@gmail.com) to apply for a refund in the event that unexpected rain or adverse weather prevented play.
- 2.3. Members who frequently cancel reservations, arrive late, or have a history of no-showing for their booking may face disciplinary action by the club which includes suspension or cancellation of membership.

## 3. Retrieving balls from Genista Foundation Property

- 3.1. When your tennis ball(s) go onto the Genista property, only one adult member must enter to retrieve such ball(s). The access code to unlock padlock can be found on the clubhouse noticeboard. Door must be closed immediately after.
- 3.2. Great care must be taken by the members when entering the adjacent site not to damage any trees, shrubs or any type of vegetation on the Genista premises.
- 3.3. In the event that a member or members of Genista are present on site, and such member or members of Genista are clearly visible from the tennis court, the RTC member must ask permission to enter or ask for any ball to be thrown back.

## 4. Rules of Conduct

- 4.1. Courtesy and adherence to tennis etiquette are expected at all times.
- 4.2. Court is for tennis use only. Any other activity is prohibited.
- 4.3. Use proper equipment, attire and non-marking footwear.
- 4.4. Club property is to be respected. Do not damage net or other equipment.
- 4.5. No profanity, blasphemy, abusive language or loud noise.
- 4.6. Smoking and/or vaping is prohibited on court or within the clubhouse.
- 4.7. Keep the clubhouse and court neat and clean. Dispose of waste responsibly.
- 4.8. No pets are allowed on the tennis court.
- 4.9. Political, religious, ideological discourse or otherwise discourse that could potentially be controversial, provocative or offensive in nature is not allowed.
- 4.10. Spectators should remain silent whilst play is ongoing.

## 5. Guest / Non-Member Policy

- 5.1. Members may bring guests at no additional cost however all guests must be accompanied by the hosting club member. No same guest may use the Tennis Club more than three times over a twelve-month period. A guest who wishes to play more than 3 times will be required to join the club as a member. It is the responsibility of the hosting member to ensure that before a guest plays on the court for the 4<sup>th</sup> time, he or she is enrolled as a member.
- 5.2. It is the responsibility of the hosting member to ensure that their guests are aware and abide to all RTC rules, regulations and conduct.
- 5.3. Abuse of this guest policy may result in loss of guest privileges and membership rights.

## 6. Coaching Policy

- 6.1. With the exception of coaching lessons offered directly by club, members and their guests may not receive or provide commercial coaching, coaching against a fee or coaching by way of business at the club unless authorized to do so in writing by the Committee.

- 6.2. Non-commercial coaching/training between members and/or guests is allowed however it should be made clear that no member or guest shall make financial gain within the Club except as authorised by the Committee and then only if the activities involved clearly provide a benefit to the Club or its members.
- 6.3. If the club has any doubts as to whether commercial coaching, coaching against a fee or coaching by way of business is occurring, the Committee shall have the right to suspend the respective member(s) court booking account until the matter is resolved.

## 7. CCTV & Electronic Media Policy

- 7.1. The RTC premises are monitored via CCTV systems to assist in the protection and safety of the premises and its associated equipment and materials in the interest of its members and guests. Cameras are located in the entrance area, internal courtyard, clubhouse, court and in the Rinella Kitchen & Lounge Bar.
- 7.2. By joining or renewing your membership of the RTC, you agree that any photographs, electronic images, sound recordings or video footage taken at the club by Committee Members or by other third parties on behalf of the Club may be used by the Club, in any website, Facebook, other social media, newsletter, email and/or promotional material without any further notice or payment.

## 8. Membership Information

- 8.1. The club has a policy of full open membership to all interested parties irrespective of sex, age, religion, race, political beliefs, disabilities etc. The subscription year runs from January to December.
- 8.2. Applications for new membership will be processed on receipt of an application form and membership & enrolment fees, without the need for being proposed by an existing member. New memberships and/or renewals are vetted by the Committee prior to confirmation and acceptance.
- 8.3. Members are responsible for giving written notice to the RTC of any change of personal details, address, or membership types by notifying the club on [rinellatennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:rinellatennisclub@gmail.com)

- 8.4. Should a member experience an injury that prevents him/her from playing for the remainder of the membership, he/she can request a partial refund of their membership fees. This request must be made in writing to the Committee outlining the reason for the request. The refund is at the discretion of the Committee.
- 8.5. If a member or their guest, at any time does not follow the rules and regulations of the club or general ethical standard expected from the sport while at the club could face disciplinary action including suspension or expulsion from the club. This will be at the discretion of the Committee.
- 8.6. If the membership is terminated due to a violation of this Club's Rules & Regulations, the member shall pay any unpaid balance due to the RTC. It shall be within the discretion of the RTC to retain all fees, dues and sums previously paid by the member to the RTC with no right of the member to obtain a refund.

## **9. Complaints & General Affairs**

- 9.1. Any complaints or other matters relating to club affairs or rules must be referred to the Committee for discussion and decision, if applicable.
- 9.2. As per the club's statute, the Committee is composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, PRO and other general members.

## **10. Amendment of and additional tennis club policies & rules**

- 10.1. The Policies and Rules contained herein may not contain all rules applicable to the use of the Club.
- 10.2. Other rules and regulations and policies may be posted in and around the club's premises. These Policies and Rules are subject to change without notice and are subject to interpretation by the RTC Committee.