

SLTCC – Tennis section - Members moving between categories (Dec 09)

The Board has delegated decisions on adult and junior members moving categories to the Tennis Committee and decisions about moving category will be made at Tennis Committee meetings.

In practice these decisions are informed by Tennis coaches and/or Club Play supervisors .

Tennis Coaches – Michael Stephens and Chris Howard

Weds eves supervisors- Wayne Evans & Luis Perez

Saturday (juniors) supervisor – Bill Buah

Beginners – Bill Buah

All members are encouraged to come to club play.

All NEW members are usually invited to attend Wednesday evenings as their first contact with the Club – unless a prior arrangement is made due to convenience or the talent of the player*.

When a player is ready to move/join a category , they will be nominated by either their coach and/or the club play supervisors and their name put forward at the next committee meeting . Members may nominate themselves but will have to arrange for an assessment to be carried out with a member of the Tennis Committee at a mutually convenient time. A decision will be made based on coaching/ club play supervisor recommendation and on evidence of skill and etiquette . If the committee feels a move is not appropriate at that time it will not be sanctioned. Any decision made at committee meetings regarding a player’s move must be communicated to the player concerned as soon as possible after the meeting. This may be a verbal communication initially which must be followed up with a written notice of the committee’s decision.

In exceptional circumstances, where a member is ready to move /join a category before the next committee meeting , they may do so providing club play supervisors (for Weds night club play) and /or committee members (for Sunday Morning/Thursday night Club Play) are informed prior to the member attending . At the next committee meeting the decision will then be ratified providing the member concerned has met the appropriate standard of play and levels of etiquette. The Committee reserves the right not to ratify a move .

When juniors are moving categories special considerations need to be taken into account:

- Child protection and supervision for under 16 year olds
 - supervision/mentoring is not ‘available’ on Sunday mornings or Thursday evenings
- The view of the supervisors/coaches who are in contact with the juniors and their recommendations

*In these cases:

The tennis committee should arrange for the member/prospective member) to play with an advanced tennis member(s) to test their standard and report back to the Committee.