



Carlton Gardens Tennis Club
PO Box 1105 Carlton Victoria 3053

FAQs FOR 2016/17

DO I HAVE TO BE A FINANCIAL MEMBER TO PLAY TENNIS AT THE COURTS?

No. The general public can book the courts and non-members are welcome to join in the Club's organised tennis program.

WHAT ARE THE MAIN BENEFITS OF BECOMING A MEMBER?

Like joining any sporting club, if you play regularly it is less expensive. On most occasions, a member plays free of charge for court hire. You can opt to buy a gate access key to use a court out of hours. Being a member widens the opportunity to build your network of friends. Membership also makes you feel that you are contributing to the success of our not-for-profit club and the voluntary service it delivers to the community.

SO I NEED NOT RUSH INTO THIS DECISION?

The Club's policy with all prospective members is to encourage them to "try before you buy" For example, you can be listed immediately as an emergency player for midweek mixed competitions or you can call in on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening for a chat with the organisers and make your own assessment of the players and whether you would feel comfortable. There are other sessions to try such as Friday night after work.

WHAT ARE THE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES AND FEES?

Category	Joining	Annual Subs*
Adult	\$100	\$170
Family of 3	\$150	\$330
Family of 4	\$150	\$340
Junior	Nil	\$80

* Pro rata reduction if joining during the year (see Ready Reckoner below)

HOW DOES PRO RATA REDUCTION OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS APPLY?

This "ready reckoner" enables you to calculate the pro rata subscription and affiliation fees payable for your category – payment timing-wise – and the total inc. the one off joining fee

Payment month	ADULT \$100 + \$170 = \$270	FAMILY of 3 \$150 + \$330 = \$480	FAMILY of 4 \$150 + \$340 = \$490	JUNIOR Nil + \$80 =\$80
May	\$100 + 156 = \$256	\$150 + 303 = \$453	\$150 + 312 = \$462	Nil + \$73 = \$73
June	\$100 + 142 = \$242	\$150 + 275 = \$425	\$150 + 284 = \$434	Nil + 67 = \$67
July	\$100 + 127 = \$227	\$150 + 248 = \$398	\$150 + 255 = \$405	Nil + 60 = \$60

August	\$100 + 113 = \$213	\$150 + 220 = \$370	\$150 + 227 = \$377	Nil + 53 = \$53
September	\$100 + 100 = \$200	\$150 + 193 = \$343	\$150 + 198 = \$348	Nil + 47 = \$47
October	\$100 + 85 = \$185	\$150 + 165 = \$315	\$150 + 170 = \$320	Nil + 40 = \$40
November	\$100 + 71 = \$171	\$150 + 137 = \$287	\$150 + 142 = \$292	Nil + 33 = \$33
December	\$100 + 57 = \$157	\$150 + 110 = \$260	\$150 + 113 = \$263	Nil + 27 = \$27
January	\$100 + 42 = \$142	\$150 + 82 = \$232	\$150 + 85 = \$235	Nil + 20 = \$20
February	\$100 + 28 = \$128	\$150 + 55 = \$205	\$150 + 57 = \$207	Nil + 13 = \$13
March	\$100 + 14 = \$114	\$150 + 27 = \$177	\$150 + 28 = \$178	Nil + 7 = \$7

WHAT IS THE CLUB YEAR?

From 1 April to 31 March

WHAT IS THE ELIGIBILITY FOR EACH CATEGORY?

If you are a sole applicant over 18 years of age, you can only become an "Adult" member. Similarly, a sole applicant who is of school age at least and under 18 years of age, can only become a "Junior" member.

Parents (or guardians) and their children of at least school age and under 18 years dwelling together can submit a group application to take out a "Family" membership. The first parent mentioned on the application takes primary responsibility for the membership.

WHY IS THERE NO CATEGORY FOR A FAMILY OF 2?

The Committee decided to migrate its membership records and processing to Tennis Victoria's "MyTennis" computer system which is modern and free to use by its affiliated clubs. MyTennis treats couples including a parent and a child, as individual members.

IS THERE ANYTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY THAT I SHOULD KNOW?

Every sporting club has its own set of rules. You are strongly advised to understand the Club's by-laws by visiting www.cgtc.org.au. Your attention is drawn in particular to topics covered by these laws:

- code of conduct
- court bookings
- guests to pay pro rata
- gate access key
- dress inc. shoes
- absences long term

ARE THERE SECURITY ISSUES WITH OUT OF HOURS ACCESS TO THE COURTS AND THE CLUBHOUSE?

Yes. As a general rule, the Club will not supply a gate access key to a Junior member. The primary adult of a Family membership is responsible for the use of a key supplied to that family. Keys provide access to the courts but not the clubhouse which is protected by a security alarm system monitored by a City of Melbourne contractor. The allocation of PIN access codes by the company to disarm the system is generally restricted to Committee members, contractors and members who volunteer to organise club sessions.

WHAT CHANGES WHEN A MEMBER TURNS 18 YEARS OF AGE?

In the case of a Junior member, the member automatically becomes eligible for Adult membership without paying a joining fee at the next renewal date for all members. For a Family member, the membership is unchanged if the subject member has been a member for more than one year (unbroken). Otherwise, the subject member becomes eligible for Adult membership without paying a joining fee at the next renewal date for all members. There may be “a knock on” effect upon the residual Family membership.

AS A VISITOR LOOKING TO PLAY SOCIAL TENNIS, WHAT WOULD THAT COST?

We are happy to discuss your circumstances and advise you about your least cost option.

CAN I HAND MY APPLICATION FORM IN AT THE COURTS?

Better to mail it to us at PO Box 1105, Carlton 3053 and remember to not send any money at this stage.