

HITHERCROFT SQUASH RACKETS CLUB

Affiliated to England Squash

Membership form

This membership form applies to all who wish to join Hithercroft squash club. Please fill in and return this form by email to: hithercroftsquash@gmail.com

Any queries regarding membership of the club, please contact: Julian Badger (Chair) at the same email address.

Full Name _____

Signature _____

Membership category _____

Amount / Date pd _____

- For existing members renewing their subscription without changes to their address and contact details need not fill in the sections below.
- If you were a member in the last subscription year, a full payment for the coming year is expected (even if it is paid late).
- Payment of fees should be made before returning the membership form. BACS details should refer to the member name and category please.

Address

_____ **Postcode** _____

Phone _____

Mobile _____

Date of Birth (If under 18) _____

Full time Student

YES / NO

Email (please print) _____

Emergency Contact details (Name of Adult if Member is under 18)

Should you have an accident on court it may be useful to have the name and number of someone we can contact.

Name _____

Telephone _____

Payment of fees

Payment can be made by BACS transfer:

Hithercroft Squash Rackets Club, **Acc no:** 10471593, **Sort Code:** 20-01-09.

For other forms of payment please contact the Treasurer (Roger Booker), roger@rogerbooker.com.

Membership categories and fees

Joint Adult / Family	£160 (£80 off-peak)
Single Adult	£100
Youth (Up to 18)	£20
Off Peak and w/ends	£50
Corporate	£50
Coaching only member of squash)	£10 (only attending the club for fitness coaching and not playing games

- *Off-peak membership entitles member to play weekdays at any time before 5:15pm and any time during the weekend.*
- *Corporate membership is provided to staff of companies where £150 is paid by the company to obtain the reduced cost benefit of £50 per person. Corporate members are entitled to play at any time and to play in matches for the club.*
- *For Joint Adult / Family membership both adults and children must live at the same address.*
- *A coaching only member is a person who only receives fitness coaching by Neil Thompson. No courts can be booked or used by such members at other times.*

Additional notes on membership fees

- *Club insurance cover is associated with membership and payment. No-one can use the courts without being a member.*
- *The exception to this is for someone who wishes to play a visitor (which should be no more than 3 times a year). Visitors will be deemed to be members for the game on the basis of making a payment of £3 in an envelope which is suitably annotated with the name of the member and visitor and date.*
- *There is no discount for delayed renewal of the payment (even if a member has not made use of the courts). Exceptions to this might be made where there is good reason, but this would have to be considered and agreed to by the committee.*
- *The club is affiliated with England Squash Rackets Association (ESRA) and covered by the Trust status of Wallingford Sports Park.*
- *Membership of the club no longer provides default membership of England Squash. Members of the club wishing to be members of England Squash need to pay a fee separately to ESRA. Details of membership benefits can be found on the ESRA website.*
- *The subscription year starts on 1st September. New members joining at other times through the year pay pro-rata on the basis of the number of whole months+1 till the following 1st September. There will be a minimum charge of £20 for any membership category for any reduced period.*
- *The door access code is usually re-set in October each year. Members who have paid their subscriptions will be informed at least one week before any changes are made to the door code.*

Visitors

A visitor to the club can play with a member of the club a few times a year (no more than 3) for a fee of £3 per visit (to be put into the letter box in the downstairs door). Otherwise all players must be members with the exception of playing at Club Night, and similarly this should only be a few times (say 3 or 4 visits) before joining as a member. Club night payments are £3 for members and £5 for non-members. A register book must be signed by all attendees.

Booking a Court

Members booking courts use the MyCourts booking website. There is a link to this from the club website. www.hithercroftsquash.com.

Emails and contact by other club members

Please note that member communication by the club committee will be via email on matters relating to the squash club or Sports Park.

In choosing to join the club your name and email contact details will always be visible to all other members when they use the database for making court bookings. This is to facilitate arranging of games and was formally agreed at the 2019 AGM.

Box leagues

Box leagues are run at the club. Any members who wish to join this will need to also allow their telephone numbers to be visible to other members. Please let us know if you want to join in the boxes.

Door access code

The current door code is given to members on payment of their membership subscription.

The key box code for access and egress to the building (either side of the access door) is currently 5371. This is to ensure people can play when the bar is locked up. Bar opening times are currently flexible to minimise costs to the Sports Park.

Team squash

The club normally runs two teams in the Oxfordshire leagues. Please let us know if you are interested in playing Oxfordshire league squash.

Database and GDPR

Your personal details will be added to a club database (on the MyCourts website) which the Membership secretary and Chair of the committee and the organiser of the box league have access to for management purposes. Your details will be accessible to you and you can update your details at any time including the ability to set your privacy settings in compliance with GDPR requirements.

Your name and email address will also be able to be seen by other members in accordance with the AGM decision in 2019. These must not be deactivated in the GDPR settings. However contact details will not be displayed for Youth Members.

Safety and Policies

All of the club policies can be found on the website. It is your responsibility to ensure you have read them and comply with them.

The Covid Plan has been withdrawn. However please consider the welfare of the other members whether you have Covid or just a cold.

The club safety risk assessment is posted on the club notice board. This is reviewed annually.

Playing squash has inherent risks (getting hit by a racket or even a ball in the eye), so appropriate care must be taken at all times. In particular, those under 18 are strongly advised to wear safety glasses and preferably be accompanied by an adult. The use of safety glasses should not be considered to be limited to just young people.

An incident book is displayed at a prominent position on a table in gallery area. Information on incidents should be detailed in it (but first taking appropriate immediate action to deal with the incident), and also send an email summary to hithercroftsquash@gmail.com. Information that needs to be recorded is detailed in the front of the incident book.

The club has a safe-guarding welfare officer james@serious4sport.co.uk. Contact can be made direct to him related to any relevant incident or issue. He is both DBS and DSO certified. Junior / youth members under 18 who come to the courts must be attended by an appropriate adult. This means either the parent, or a person who has appropriate safe-guarding clearance and who has the approval of the parent.

However all these stipulations cannot ensure safe or polite behaviour. It is essential that behaviour on court is safe and courteous. Emotions and physical behaviour must be controlled and play must be conducted in a manner which considers health risks (over-exertion) and safety (avoid hitting your opponent with the racket or ball). Beginners, in particular, should take advice on court conduct from expert players to help minimise safety risks as well as protocols on good practice. Oxfordshire squash has issued codes of conduct policies to all clubs and misdemeanours will variously result in the committee taking action as thought appropriate which may include expelling a member.

Equal opportunity and inclusivity

The club can be used by all in line with equal opportunities requirements. No discrimination is made on age, gender, disability or race. However it should be noted that there is no wheelchair access or lift to the viewing gallery and that the door into the club is narrower than a standard door.

Dress code

There is only one rule associated with dress code and that is that all shoes used on court must be indoor sports shoes which are non-marking and are clean and are never worn outside.

Parking/ Accessing the Courts

The club is based at Wallingford Sports Park which is on the outskirts of Wallingford by the Hithercroft Industrial Estate. There is a map on the 'contact us' page of the website. There is ample free parking at the Sports Park.

The squash courts entrance which can be found by walking round the right hand side of the main Hithercroft sports park building or through the main entrance and walking through the bar if the bar is open.