

SOCIAL/ COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY POLICY

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INTRODUCTION

Shankill Tennis Club is a community club, with access to courts on both a membership and a pay-and-play basis. The club is located on land owned by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council (DLRCC) and the local authority has supported the development of the club since its establishment in 1986, most recently enabling the construction of the three indoor courts. Recognising its dependence on the local community and catchment area, Shankill Tennis Club has formally adopted a social/community responsibility policy as set out below.

ADDRESSING SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Shankill Tennis Club abides by a **Sports Equity Policy** to ensure equality of access for all members of the community. The club recognises inequalities and actively attempts to address these. It is the responsibility of the Shankill Tennis Club executive committee to support the Sports Equity Policy and to communicate it to the wider Shankill area.
- Except during League matches, Club Championships and certain pre-arranged tournaments, Club members shall have preference of play on eight courts and members of the public shall have preference of play on two courts (subject to Club rules no. 4 & 5).
- Shankill Tennis Club consciously and regularly communicates and encourages use of its pay-and-play facility to members of the public through communication channels such as SCAN community newsletter, Shankill Open Forum (online), club Facebook page, and website.
- A Club Open Day will be held annually to encourage new members of the public to discover and enjoy the facility.
- It is club policy, with the agreement of the Executive committee, to make the clubhouse available for local groups/interests who wish to hire this space.
- Social responsibility policy is reviewed by the Executive committee annually, updated as required, and DLRCC will be invited to comment/give feedback.
- Where the purchase of materials, foodstuffs etc is required, the Club prioritises sourcing from locally-based businesses, with a view to supporting Shankill traders as much as possible.
- Shankill Tennis Club also collaborates with and supports other community initiatives (eg Tidy Towns committee) in order to enhance the local environment.