

READE PARK LAWN TENNIS CLUB INC
POLICY - REDUCTION OF FEES (NEW MEMBERS, INJURY & ABSENCE)
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GENERAL PRINCIPAL

The Policy on reduction of membership fees is based on a season of roughly 30 weeks commencing October and ending April. 15 January is the approximate mid point.

It is envisaged this policy applies to membership fee reduction requests for a variety of circumstances including:

- New Members;
- Persons who have filled in for teams for more than 3 home games during the season (and therefore must become members on the 4th visit to RPTC);
- Persons who have filled in for teams on more than 5 occasions during the current season (and therefore must become members on the 6th occasion);
- Members who will be absent due to overseas or interstate employment commitments for more than 12 weeks of the current season;
- Members who are injured and expected to be unable to play for more than 12 weeks of the current season;

The policy is based on the principal that the policy should be simple and easy to understand and not require the full Club committee approval.

If the Treasurer and Club Captain (or their delegate) is satisfied the reasons for the fee reduction are bona fide, a 50% fee reduction will be granted.

No other fee reductions will be permitted (ie membership fees will be either 100% or 50%).

POLICY

1. Any person who becomes or is required to be a member on or after 15 January will be offered membership at 50% of the scheduled membership fee plus the Tennis SA affiliation fee less any visitor fees paid during the current season.
2. Any member or prospective member may apply to the Treasurer for a 50% reduction of the scheduled fee where they can provide acceptable reasons and evidence that they are unable to play in the current season for more than 12 weeks during the period 1 October and 30 April.
3. The Treasurer will consult with the Club captain or their nominated delegate to determine the basis of the application and collect sufficient information to reach a joint decision to approve the request. If a joint decision cannot be reached, the Club President will determine the decision.
4. The Tennis SA affiliation fee component of the membership fee is exempt from reduction as it is a fixed cost to the club.
5. A member must apply in writing to reach the Treasurer no later than 31 October to obtain a refund of overpaid fees. Applications made after 31 October can only result in a credit for offset in the following season. If the credit is not used in the following season, it is forfeited.
6. Acceptable reasons for being unable to play will be limited to the following:
 - i. An Injury that is supported by medical evidence;
 - ii. Employment duties requiring the member to work interstate or overseas;