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# CLUB MEMBERSHIP POLICIES

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Tennis BC is a not-for-profit society that is funded by membership, sponsorship, government grants and programs.

Tennis BC strives to provide a variety of programs, events, certification courses, and workshops for educating and engaging our members, coaches, officials, and volunteers. As a Tennis BC member club, you are a key partner in this growth and a catalyst in helping us meet our mandate; To inspire and enable British Columbians to play tennis.

In order for a club to join Tennis BC, or renew your club membership, certain criteria must be followed and adhered to, as stated in this document and in our [Bylaws](#).

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## **Types of Membership offered:**

Tennis BC has 2 main categories for club membership:

1. Full Club Membership: this offers the club voting status at our AGM's. There are 2 subcategories for Full Club member:
  - a. Gold Club
  - b. Silver Club
2. Associate Club Membership: this is a non-voting club status. There are 4 subcategories for Associate Club Members:
  - a. Public Tennis Club
  - b. Recognized Tennis Association
  - c. Community Club
  - d. Social Club

## **Category Details:**

### **Full Club:**

Definition: A Full Club Member must be an organized tennis club which was a Full Member Club or a Facility Member under bylaws of the Society on the date immediately prior to the date that these Bylaws were adopted, or an organized tennis club which:

- (a) is a legal entity such as a society or a corporation;
- (b) has a lease or other recognized arrangement under which it controls and manages tennis courts and uses the courts to run tennis activities;
- (c) is responsible for court maintenance (including but not limited to repair, resurfacing, painting, replacement, etc.), tennis programming, player development, organizing events and other club functions; and
- (d) charges its members an annual fee, periodic dues, or court rental fees for the availability of play and services.

### **Sub-Categories:**

- a. **Gold** – all club members receive individual Tennis BC player membership. Clubs are required to submit a list of **all** tennis playing members.
- b. **Silver** – members of the organization pay individual Tennis BC fees.

### **Associate Club:**

Definition: An Associate Club Member must be an organized tennis club, tennis association or other tennis entity. An Associate Club Member does not need to meet the requirements of a Full Club Member.

### **Sub-Categories:**

- a. **Public Tennis Centre** - A Public Tennis Centre is a facility which may permit membership but must also allow for public access to all programming and court bookings. This club is not a voting member. Members of the organization pay individual Tennis BC fees.

Note: Indoor courts are permanent or bubbled. All bubbled courts are considered indoor and not outdoor.

- b. **Recognized Tennis Association** - A Recognized Tennis Association is an organized association that advocated for tennis to specific demographics and is affiliated with TBC by paying a yearly fee. The association does not control or provide any on court services or products. Members of the organization pay individual Tennis BC fees.

- c. **Community Club** - An organization that leases/controls court time for tennis facilities and charges annual fees or court fees to its members in return for the availability of tennis facilities or services. This club can be year-round or seasonal. Members of the organization pay individual Tennis BC fees.
- d. **Social Club** - This is a social organization that does not lease or control courts but organizes play or events to deliver tennis opportunities to its members and charges annual membership fees. Members of this organization pay individual Tennis BC fees.

### **Application Process:**

1. Any application to become a Member of the Society shall be made in writing to the Society and must contain such information as the Directors may from time to time require. There is an application form to be completed which will be sent to you for renewal. Alternatively, please email [membership@tennisbc.org](mailto:membership@tennisbc.org) for an application package.
2. The categorization and acceptance of an applicant shall be determined by the Directors.

### **Changing Club Category:**

Should your club wish to change the category, or sub-category, please be aware of the following:

1. If you are currently a Gold Club and wish to downgrade, please be 100% sure of this decision. As per Tennis BC policy, you will not be allowed to return to Gold Club status for 3 years should you wish to reverse the decision, and the club will again have to qualify under the stated criteria.
2. If you are not currently a Gold Club and wish to become one, please email [membership@tennisbc.org](mailto:membership@tennisbc.org) to begin the application process for the change.
3. If you feel your club is not in the appropriate category or sub-category at any time, please email [membership@tennisbc.org](mailto:membership@tennisbc.org). We are happy to go through your concerns with you in order to make sure your club has the correct membership status.
4. All Gold clubs must submit the entire roster prior to submission of dues. Partial rosters are not permitted. Rosters cannot be submitted that do not include all members regardless of whether members play tournaments or leagues. Gold club rosters must be submitted following all required

information such that Tennis BC can forward to Tennis Canada and obtain licences for all players. The board of directors reserves the right to sanction gold clubs that submit rosters that do not include all members including removing the club from Gold club status.