**SSLTC Ball Machine Club Information and Application Form**

**Membership Details**

* Membership is available to members of SSLTC, aged 14 and over. Younger members will be considered on an individual case.
* If membership of SSLTC ends, this membership will end.
* Membership of the Ball Machine Club provides unlimited use for an annual fee.
* Membership is for individual use. Each person using the ball machine needs a membership.
* Bookings for the ball machine are made on a separate webpage to the SSLTC court booking.
* A court must also be booked on the SSLTC court booking system.
	+ Only courts 1,5,6 and 7; those with only 1 adjacent court.
	+ Not be used on the clay courts 8&9 (pending review).
	+ Bookings will not be available at times when court availability is limited.
* Priority for the use of courts is to play tennis. Courtesy must be shown to SSLTC members.
* Before using the equipment, an introduction session must be booked with the Organiser, a member of the Organising Committee or other approved member of the club.
* Membership may be ended for serious breach of the rules.

**Membership Fees and Number of Members**

The membership fee must be paid with the application. An introductory Membership Fee of £40 per year is available for applications received by midnight on Sunday 3rd March 2024. After this, the Membership fee will be £60, subject to review by the Organising Committee.

The fee will be refunded in full if the application is declined, or membership is cancelled by the applicant within 14 days of being accepted and before the ball machine is booked, or used for the first time, after the introduction session.

Membership lasts for 12 months from the acceptance of the application and does not auto-renew. A reminder to renew will be sent.

The number of members of the Ball Machine Club is limited to 40.

Both the membership fee and number of members will be subject to review by the Organising Committee, which will make recommendations to the Organiser.

**The Equipment**

The ball machine is a **Spinfire Pro 2** with an external lithium battery that will provide 3-8 hours on court time per charge (depending on options used and including time for collecting balls).

* The specifications can be found here: <https://www.racquetdepot.co.uk/spinfire-pro-2-tennis-ball-machine/>.
* 150 Spinfire Touch, pressureless balls.
* Other equipment includes a carry bag for the balls, a collection tube and marker disks.

Whilst the ball machine is fun to use, but it is not a toy. The purpose is to provide an opportunity to practice tennis and to exercise. Care needs to be taken to minimise risk to members using, anyone close to, and to prevent damage to the machine. This will be covered in the introductory session.

The equipment will be stored in a padlocked shed, which members will have the code for. The battery will be stored in a separate location.

**Rules of Use**

The full Rules of Use and an abbreviated “Players” rules are available from the Organiser and will be provided when an application is accepted.

**Organiser**

Genius Tennis Limited (15345815) is 100% owned by Philip Gee, a member of Stony Stratford Lawn Tennis Club. The company was incorporated on 12th December 2023, for the purpose of providing a ball machine and other related equipment for use by members of SSTLC at the club venue. Philip Gee is the sole director of the company. The company is funded by a director’s loan of £3,000 to purchase the equipment.

For decision making, the Organiser is Philip Gee.

Email: **ssltc.genius.tennis@gmail.com**Telephone/WhatsApp: 07877 821256

The booking website address will be provided when an application is accepted.

 **Organising Committee**

The Organising Committee will consist of the Organiser and 2 or more invited members of the Ball Machine Club to administer the club and compliance with the rules of use.

The committee will make recommendations to the Organiser. This will include membership fees, number of members and decisions on disputes. Disputes includes serious breach of Rules that may lead to a recommendation that ball club membership is revoked.

**APPLICATION FORM**

Please provide the following details to the organiser, by email to **ssltc.genius.tennis@gmail.com****.** If the application is for a young person under the age of 18, the form must be completed by a parent or guardian, who accepts responsibility for young person and the obligations under the Rules of Use.

Membership Fee must be paid before an application will be considered. Fees must be paid by bank transfer (faster payments) to: Virgin Money account: **Genius Tennis Limited** 82-61-37 80565868.

This form does not need to be used, an email with the information requested will be accepted.

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| Name of Person Applying for Ball Machine Club Membership |  |
| SSLTC URN number |  | SSLTC Membership End Date |  |
| SSLTC Membership Category |  |
| Is the person applying for membership under 18? | **Yes / No** | **Age if under 18:** |
| If Yes, the following contract details are for the guardian completing the application, taking responsibility for the member. If No, the details are for the person applying for membership. |
| Phone Number |  |
| Email Address |  |
| Has the Ball Machine Membership fee been paid? | **Yes /No** |
| Would you like to be considered for the Organising Committee? | **Yes /No** |
| OPTIONAL: Please provide details of your likely use of the ball machine, such as:* How often you expect to use it
* What days of the week/time you expect to use it.
* Why you want to use it/ how do you hope to benefit.
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**Notes:***SSLTC URN* and*Membership End Date* can be found after logging in to the SSLTC First-Sports website and clicking the profile icon (top right) and selecting Memberships. These will be used to check continued membership of SSLTC, as membership of SSLTC must continue to be a member of the Ball Machine Club.