

Covid-19 rules for tennis

Social tennis guidelines during Covid-19

- There will be a tube of balls used for each court.
- Players to use hand sanitisers before and after each game.
- Court 1 will be used as a waiting area, players should leave personal belonging on this court – please maintain 2m distance.
- Following LTA guidelines all players will need to check in (using their door fob) which will register their attendance and in the short term sign in with whoever is supervising the session. This club is required to retain this information for 21 days
- Members should be aware that undertaking any activity, including tennis, has the potential for increased risk of transmission of COVID-19. Anyone attending tennis should read the Government guidance on staying safe outside home.

Logistics

- Players must book a court before arriving at the club – there is no “Turn Up and Play” facility.
- ENTER the club by the bike racks; the gate by court 2 is ONLY for exiting the club. See the **Covid-19 site plan** for more information.
- Hand gel dispensers are by the defibrillator (ENTRY) and court 2 gate (EXIT).
- DO NOT congregate on or around the court before and after play.

Court etiquette

- Although players need not use their own balls, please respect the wishes of those who do.
- Do not use or touch balls from other courts – use your racquet/foot to return them.
- If you feel the need to change ends, pass on opposite sides of the net and maintain your distance.
- Staggered start and end times apply to all slots to minimize cross traffic and contact:
 - Court 2 – arrive and start on time and finish 10 minutes early.
 - Courts 1 and 8 – arrive and start 5 minutes late and finish 5 minutes early.
 - Courts 5 and 7 – arrive and start 10 minutes late and finish on time.
- Clean your hands before and after play – and do not touch your face during play.
- If you have booked a court and cannot play, please cancel the booking.

Social distancing

- Keep your distance and follow the various directional arrows and floor markings around the club.
- Avoid chasing the ball on to another court if that court is being used.

- If your partner is not from the same household:
 - Stay at least 2 meters apart wherever possible.
 - Consider agreeing in advance who will take the shot in the center of the court.

Other information

- If you prefer to play singles – please use court 8 where possible.
- The various leagues will remain suspended for now – a separate email will be issued when they resume.
- Please do not brush courts or adjust the nets – Ken will continue to maintain them.
- The only current onsite facilities is a toilet facility in the clubhouse, the remainder of the clubhouse remains closed.

Finally, we must stress that play is at your own discretion and risk – we respect that some of you may feel uncomfortable returning to the courts at this time and will welcome you whenever you choose to return.

Please strictly respect all the guidance. It is there for everyone's safety and to minimize the chance that we have to close the club again.

Thanks for your continued cooperation – if you have any queries or concerns please feel free to contact a member of the Tennis Committee. If you see anybody doing anything on site (it doesn't matter if it's unintentional) which could be an infection risk PLEASE MAKE THEM AWARE OF THE RISK IMMEDIATELY. If you are concerned that they are continuing and intentionally not adhering to the rules, we would request that you inform one of the joint Tennis Chairs, Fiona Wyatt or Jackie Parry.