

Return to tennis procedures May 16th – 1st June 2020

It is of paramount importance that members and staff are kept safe. Follow the Government guidelines regarding social distancing and practice public health advice for hygiene.

Please note: Failure to abide by the Club COVID procedures listed below and hence endangering other members and staff may result in players being asked to leave and possible termination of membership. Please respect fellow Members, Staff & Volunteers.

- 1 Online booking of courts only and by **active rackets members only**. One session per day per member (to be reviewed subject to demand). Limited to 55 minute slots –allows for 5 minute change over at the end of each session. If you do not have access online the Club telephone is manned for booking Mon-Fri 9am – 11:30am.
2. Observe social distancing on the way to and from court. No spectators, the only exception being one parent/guardian for a junior or one carer for a disabled player.
3. Maximum of 2 people per court (ie. Singles play only) and these 2 players can be from different households. The only exception to this is where a group of 4 players are all **residing in the same household** in which case they can play doubles.
4. All players **must** register by scanning their membership card at the card reader by the door in the entrance area. Players should note that there is no access to the club house in this first Phase of reopening. Any annual fees to be **paid in advance** by contacting the club Monday - Friday 9 am -11.30 am. Direct Debits must be active. Any cancelled Direct Debits will require a new signed mandate form and upfront payment of first month.
5. Wash hands or apply alcohol gel before and after play; players to provide their own, but a cleaning station will be available for general use. No First Aid available. Please bring your own, including ice packs.
6. No change of ends and singles players keep 2 metres apart at all times.
7. Each player to have personalised balls marked with initials which only they or members of their household can touch. When serving you use your own set of balls. When passing tennis balls back to your opponent this should be done by using the racket or the foot. Players should not chase down balls by going onto another court.
8. Enter and exit the courts 2m apart observing strict social distancing. Nominate one player to open and close gate handles, wiping down after use.
9. Only take the minimum amount of equipment for play. Bring a full water bottle. Wipe down any tennis equipment before and after play using antiseptic wipes; players to provide their own.
10. If you have played tennis and subsequently you or any of your household becomes unwell with COVID-19 symptoms please inform the club **immediately**. The club will then use membership card information and court booking details to contact other users of the session.

IMPORTANT: Do not leave home to play tennis if Government advice means you should stay at home because you or someone you live with has or has had symptoms of COVID- 19, or you are in the most vulnerable category and have been advised to shield from the virus.

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