

# Outdoor Tennis Courts - Player Guidance at WLTSC v6

**Updated on 11th August 2020 - All members must make themselves familiar with the guidance documents and comply with the club's guidance below at all times. Failure to comply will trigger the disciplinary process.**

Reference Documents

<https://www.lta.org.uk/globalassets/news/2020/lta-guidance-for-tennis-players---covid-19.pdf>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing>

We have indicated the key additions and updates to these guidelines with **[NEW]** and **[UPDATED]**

## BEFORE PLAYING

- Do not leave your home to play tennis if Government advice means that you should stay at home
- Doubles play with people from 4 households is allowable, but social distancing must be observed.
- **[UPDATED]** Court bookings must be made via the MyCourts booking system and all names of players recorded (Artificial Grass Courts 1, 2 ,3, 4 and 5, Grass Court 6 and Clay Courts 9, 10 and 11 at specified times). Where there is no name it will be assumed that a visitor is playing
- **[UPDATED]** touchtennis play can be singles and doubles and on arrival your name must be recorded via the paper folder near the entrance to the courts. There is no limit to the number of bookings a member can make but all names must be recorded
- **[UPDATED]** Members are advised to play/book in advance on the artificial grass courts, no more than 3 x 1 hour sessions per week, plus one additional hour, booked on the day. (There is no limit to the number of individual coaching sessions booked with our Everypoint Coaches and there is no limit to the number of bookings on the artificial clay or real grass courts)
- **[UPDATED]** Players should arrive ready changed to play however the changing rooms and showers are now open but numbers should be kept to a minimum
- **[NEW]** Supporters, parents, and other spectators should remain socially distanced whilst attending events. Spectator groups must be restricted to discrete six person gathering limits and spread out, in line with wider government guidance
- All players should ensure that their playing equipment has been cleaned
- All players should ensure that they wash their hands before leaving home
- All players should use the hand sanitizer gel provided both before and after playing.
- All players should bring their own drinks bottle (filled at home)
- Try to avoid Public Transport when travelling to the Club

## ON ARRIVAL AT THE CLUB

- Aim to arrive at the Club 5 minutes before your start time
- Avoid congregating in groups of more than 6, observe 2m distancing at all times
- **[UPDATED]** On your first visit you should contact reception who will brief you on aspects of health and safety whilst playing
- Avoid touching communal surfaces such as, gates, handles, net posts etc and if you do so, sanitize immediately afterwards.
- **[NEW]** The tennis floodlights are now back in service and floodlight tokens can be purchased from reception or from the bar, please sanitise your hands after using the floodlight console

## DURING PLAY

- Players must always be acutely aware of the 2m rule particularly when changing ends. And should do so at either end of the net.
- **[UPDATED]** Allow others to leave before you enter the court - if you need to wait then do so away from the courts and clear of the gates. Ensure you leave the court before the end of your allotted time so that it is empty for the next players. Avoid congregating on or around the court after playing to allow access for others
- Avoid touching your face (even if wearing gloves)

## BALL CONTROL

1. Players do not now need to use their own tennis balls, however if you choose to use shared balls then extra care should be taken to ensure that you do not touch your face during play.
2. **[UPDATED]** New balls are now for sale in reception.

## AFTER PLAY

- **[UPDATED]** Ensure you leave the court promptly at the end of your session
- After playing leave the court
- Wash your hands on your return home and sanitize your equipment, particularly grips

## COACHING

- **[UPDATE]** Coaches will be assigned courts 9, 10, and 11 and can use court 4 and 5 if not booked within 24 hours
- Contact your preferred Coach directly for available times
- Coaches will be observing the same hygiene and distancing procedures as members
- If coaching involves serving practice, then the player can use the Coaches tennis balls but must ensure that they avoid touching their face afterwards
- **[UPDATED]** A maximum of 5 adult clients plus a Coach are allowable on one court.
- When coaching of a Junior is taking place it is recommended that a parent is present. They are not counted within the numbers but should observe from off-court and be limited to one per player
- **[NEW]** Coached sessions for children should be limited to groups of no more than 15 children (plus coach(es), and can take place on outdoor or indoor (from 25 July) courts, in line with guidance from the Department of Education on out of school settings

## DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

- Whilst we recognise that the majority of members will observe these rules there will be some that do not.
- Failure to comply with the Government, LTA and Club guidance above will result in an initial verbal warning.
- A second non-compliance will result in suspension of booking facility for one week.
- A further non-compliance will result in suspension for one month.
- The Tennis Chairman and Sports Manager will review any further action.

## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

- **On those occasions when there is no Staff representative on site please ring the following in an Emergency, Neil Patel 07810057381 or Marc Hughes 07766220275**