

## Tennis - Safe Playing Procedures

In approaching how we have opened up the tennis courts for play, I have referred to the following guidance as well as liaised with the TLTC members committee:

<https://www.lta.org.uk/about-us/tennis-news/news-and-opinion/general-news/2020/march/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-for-venues/>

### Allowable Formats:

- Singles and doubles between individuals from the same or different households, as long as players from different households remain the minimum required social distance apart.
- Coached sessions limited to groups of up to 6 players including a coach. A non-participating parent/guardian/carer may attend if necessary limited to one per player. They are not counted in the group of six and must remain off court with social distancing strictly observed at all times.

**Court Opening Hours:** 8am to 9pm daily.

### Pre-Booked Courts:

- You are only allowed to play if you have pre-booked a court.
- There is no requirement for a key as the courts are being left unlocked with the entry gates tied open.
- All bookings are initially limited to one 1-hour court session on any one day. This is to ensure that the courts are shared as equally as possible amongst all our tennis players.
- For guests who want to play for longer or who want a second booking in a day, please contact Reception for last minute availability.
- Guests are encouraged to book well in advance, prior to arrival, to ensure they get the court times they want.
- We are currently not open for “pay-and-play” to members of the public who are not guests nor members. This will be reviewed in future after we reopen to understand what capacity we have for this.
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### Considerations Before Leaving Home & Arrival at the Courts:

- Any members suffering from or showing symptoms of COVID-19 or who live with someone suffering from or showing symptoms of COVID-19 must self-isolate & stay away from the tennis courts.
- Members who are vulnerable or who have underlying health issues are advised to heed government advice to stay at home & self-isolate.
- Guests are requested to change in their rooms.
- Players should always play with their own personal tennis equipment.
- We will not be able to hire out racquets and balls for the time being.
- You should bring your own small bottle of hand-sanitiser, carry it at all times & use it regularly.

### Out on the Courts:

- Please keep the minimum required social distance away from others at all times.
- Please use hand sanitizer regularly before, during & after play and avoid touching your face.
- When playing with anyone from outside your household, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- a) Please keep maintain the minimum required social distance at all times;
- b) Although not mandatory, players are recommended to only play with their own clearly marked balls & to use your racket & foot together to flick up and return balls.
- c) Doubles players should agree in advance who will take on any shots if the ball travels to the centre of the court.
- d) Please do not share racquets, do not change ends & please do not shake hands or embrace.
  - Please do not use the bins, benches & brooms, if they have not otherwise been removed.

#### The Members' Changing Rooms Toilets are Open

- Please adhere to the procedures detailed on the notices fixed to each entry door.