

Winchester Racquets and Fitness

Tennis - Return to Restricted Play

Guidelines for Members

This communication outlines how members will be able to book and access the courts and more importantly, it gives the guidelines that all members must follow to ensure compliance to social distancing and to minimise the risk of transfer of Covid-19 infection.

Who can play

1. Both singles play and doubles play is permitted with people from outside of your household, as long as you maintain social distancing /keep 2 metres apart as far as possible.
2. All players should ideally be “active” members with all player names being listed on the court booking. If a non member is added as a player when making a booking, the guest fee/s will automatically be charged.
3. Active junior members can play but those aged under 14 will require adult supervision. They cannot be left on their own at the club.
4. In all cases member refers to Rackets or Gold members – note that active Squash members will be made rackets members temporarily and are therefore able to play tennis.

Members are advised to read the LTA guidelines for players - [CLICK HERE](#)

How to get a court

1. Courts must be booked in advance; it is not allowed to just turn up and go on a court.
2. Bookings can be made online only
3. To be able to book, your membership must be active.
 - a. if you have put your membership on hold, you will need to request it to be made active again
 - b. you will need to renew if your membership expiry date is in the past.
4. All player names must be listed on the booking. You can edit your booking should the player names change.
5. 90 minutes limit for bookings. Booking additional time under another name is not allowed.
6. You can book up to 3 days ahead.

Play Safe Guidelines

While the ability to play tennis again is welcomed by all those keen to get on court again, our priority must still be the health and safety of everyone coming to the Club.

As mentioned above, the LTA have provided a list of play safe guidelines for players that can be accessed on their website. It is important that you take the time to read them as they are intended to be relevant for all tennis club settings including ours.

<https://www.lta.org.uk/globalassets/venue/support-your-venue/documents/lta-guidance-for-tennis-players---covid-19.pdf>

Key points that we would further emphasise are

- Do not leave your 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 coronavirus.
- The Club has taken steps to make the environment and arrangements for play as safe as possible. But members who choose to come to the club to play are taking responsibility for their own safety.
- There is plenty of space at the Club between courts and on pathways to allow social distancing. Please observe the social distancing guidelines and keep two meters away from other players when accessing or leaving the courts
- Where possible, please avoid contact with all surfaces when at the Club. Hand sanitiser is available at all courts but we also ask that members bring their own.
- We would like members to brush the clay courts after use but please ensure that you use hand sanitiser before and after brushing. You may consider bringing gloves for this purpose if you are playing on the clay courts
- Tennis balls can be purchased at the café bar – no cash please
- The club is still operating with limited staffing. Correct use of courts, general behaviour on site and adherence to the guidelines will be monitored where possible by staff but we also request the assistance of all members in policing this. Your support will be appreciated.