

Player Guidance at WLTSC v6

Updated on 1st June 2020 - All members must always make themselves familiar with the guidance documents and comply with the Club's guidance below. 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

- **[UPDATED]** Do not leave your home to play tennis if Government advice means that you should stay at home
- **[NEW]** 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)
- **[NEW]** touchtennis play remains singles only and must be booked via the Squash Court booking system for courts 2, 3, 4 and 5. 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 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)
- Players should arrive ready changed to play
- All players should ensure that their playing equipment has been cleaned
- All players should ensure that they wash their hands before leaving home
- **[UPDATED]** 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
- **[UPDATED]** Avoid congregating in groups of more than 6, always observe 2m distancing.
- If possible, you will be met by a Staff Member who will guide you through the Rules and brief you on aspects of health and safety whilst playing.
- **[UPDATE]** Avoid touching communal surfaces such as, gates, handles, net posts etc and if you do so, sanitize immediately afterwards.

DURING PLAY

- **[UPDATE]** Players must always be acutely aware of the 2m rule particularly when changing ends. And should do so at either end of the net.
- Players should stay on one side of the court and avoid changing ends or when changing ends should do so at opposite ends of the net

- Avoid touching your face (even if wearing gloves)

BALL CONTROL

1. **[NEW]** Players do not now need to use their own clearly marked 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. **[UPDATE]** Only pick up the ball with your mark on it. Use your racket head or feet to return other balls to your opponent(s), or other courts
3. Do not pick up balls that are not yours.
4. We have new balls that can be sold to the members, deducting the cost from their MyCourts account. Contact Neil Patel on 07810 057381 if you wish to buy balls, or see one of the Coaches on Supervision

AFTER PLAY

- Aim to finish your play 5 minutes before the end of your session so you can be away from the court before the next players arrive
- **[UPDATE]** After playing leave the court. Avoid congregating in groups of more than 6, always observe 2m distancing.
- Wash your hands on your return home and sanitize your equipment, particularly grips.

COACHING

- **[UPDATE]** Coaches will be assigned courts 9, 10, and 11. Court 12 (tarmac) will be used exclusively by the school.
- Contact your preferred Coach directly for available times
- Coaches will be observing the same hygiene and distancing procedures as members
- Coaches will always pick up balls. Players should be encouraged to use their racket/feet to return balls and to avoid using hands and touching the balls.
- **[NEW]** If coaching involves serving practice, then the player can use the Coaches tennis balls but must ensure that they avoid touching their face afterwards
- **[NEW]** A maximum of 2 clients plus a Coach are allowable on court.
- **[UPDATE]** 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

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

- Whilst we recognise that most 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

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