

EWLTC RULES DURING CORONAVIRUS
“RETURN TO COMPETITIVE PLAY” TENNIS REVISED MONDAY 17 MAY 2021

Follow the guidance provided by:

The Government: [Latest Government Coronavirus advice](#) and;

The LTA guidance: [LTA latest Coronavirus advice in particular as applicable to tennis players](#).

Abide by The EWLTC guidance and controls listed in the EWLTC risk assessment found on the club website [EWLTC Coronavirus Risk Assessment](#) and club WhatsApp, in particular regarding social distancing and hygiene.

Carry out a covid-19 self-assessment at home before coming to the club using the information on the NHS website as advised by LTA guidance. If you or any of your household are showing covid-19 symptoms, stay at home! (high temperature, persistent cough, loss of taste or smell)

All players must undertake to advise the club if they contract covid-19 at the earliest possible time or where they start to have symptoms after visiting the premises. In this event the Management Committee will convene an immediate emergency meeting to agree on NHS Test and Trace procedures and notifications and future action or site closure, as necessary.

[updated] The Site will be locked by a combination padlock so access to it can only be obtained by members and authorised personnel. The main site gate is to be left open when there are people on site and locked by the last person leaving an empty site. It is imperative that the sanitiser provided on site is used after touching the gates.

Courts will operate on staggered bookings (every 15 minutes) using an online Teamup calendar run on a web browser or an app. Periods on court are 50 minutes long to facilitate social distancing of people on the following booking. **(Arrive on time {not early or late} and leave the premises promptly after session is complete.)**

[updated] Players are not permitted to move between occupied courts or join other groups after their tennis session has finished. They are required to leave the premises as quickly as possible. **(unless it is being actively and formally organised by an authorised club official or a qualified club coach)**

There is no limit to the number of times a member may play each week however this will be kept under review. The week commences each Monday for calculation purposes.

All bookings must register all players on court by 08:00 on the day of play including cancellations. There is a 14 day booking period which is updated on a weekly basis each weekend. All parties must register on the booking system for NHS Test and Trace purposes.

Four courts will generally be in operation for member play: courts 1 to 4 for either singles or doubles play. Courts 5 and 6 will generally be in operation for the coaches unless the Merseyside Veteran Tennis Association (VTA) have been allocated these courts.

Where a ball goes between doubles partners, the players must decide between themselves who will play for the ball.

[updated] Courts 1 to 4 will be open from 08:00 to 21:00 (22:00 from Monday 7 June) every day except when they are specifically allocated for coaching activity, match practice, competitions or to the VTA on Tuesday and Friday mornings between 09:00 to 13:00 as noted on the calendar, which can be found on the club website/club WhatsApp.

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[updated] Members are able to book on courts 5 and 6 for singles or doubles play only if courts 1 to 4 are already being used by other members at that time and they have not been booked by coaches. The booking time period is only from the close of play (currently 21:00) on the previous day to 08:00 on the day itself. Since there are restrictions on the booking calendar for this activity, please contact Catherine O'Rourke (Acting Secretary) or Ben Walton (Booking Teamup Calendar Champion). They will enter the normal details on the booking calendar as current practice.

There will be no priority of adults over juniors on bookings for court use.

Any junior under 10 years old playing without an adult are to be accompanied by a responsible adult and may sit socially distanced off court to spectate.

It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of any junior to ensure they fully understand and comply with the rules and guidance issued.

Coaches must follow the LTA coaches guidance.

[updated] Coaches are able to book on courts 1 to 4 for one to one coaching only if courts 5 and 6 are already being used by other coaches at that time and they have not been booked by members. The booking time period is only from the close of play (currently 21:00) on the previous day to 08:00 on the day itself. In such cases the coach must enter the normal details on the booking calendar as current practice.

No visitors are permitted for play except as noted below:

Coaches are permitted to coach visitors (non-members) subject to paying the normal visitors fee (all visitors being coached to be briefed and escorted to/from the premises by the coach). All visitors must also complete the self-assessment checks prior to attending the Site.

The use of a ball machine for the members is only permitted on court 4. The use of the ball machine for the coaches is only permitted on courts 5 or 6.

Maintenance will be arranged on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings or other notified times for example due to inclement weather. During maintenance work members may be asked to move onto an adjacent empty court to facilitate court brushing for example.

[updated] The toilets in the community hall and the clubhouse are accessible. Each user is to take responsibility for keeping the toilets clean and sanitised after use.

[updated] A one-way system is in operation and must be adhered to. Bicycles are permitted on site and parked in the bike racks.

[updated] Spectators are permitted in the grounds but need to adhere to social distancing rules to a maximum of 30 viewing tennis events.

These rules will be reviewed on a regular basis by The Management Committee and amended at short notice if they feel necessary.

THE CONTINUED USE OF THE TENNIS CLUB IS ON THE BASIS THAT IT IS OPERATING AS A COVID SAFE FACILITY AND EVERYONE IS TO REMAIN VIGILANT. IT IS INCUMBENT ON EVERY MEMBER TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES AND ENSURE THAT OTHERS ON SITE ALSO DO SO.

ANYONE NOT RESPECTING OR FLOUTING THE RULES AND GUIDANCE MAY HAVE THEIR RIGHT TO PLAY DURING "RETURN TO COMPETITIVE PLAY" REMOVED BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.