

## **Whitchurch Tennis Club – Risk Assessment**

Membership is open to Adults and Juniors and have association with an independent Tennis Coach, Carol Rogers, who has the appropriate LTA qualifications, DBS check and First Aid to be competent to coach all members.

The club is involved in playing tennis at club nights, members own arrangements, training and coaching sessions at two courts located at Laverstoke, North Hampshire. League matches can be played at home or away.

Membership is entirely at the individuals own risk although most club night sessions are attended by a member of the WTC Committee who are familiar with the rules of the club and accident and incident reporting.

Access to the courts is by key code granted to the individual at the time membership is paid. The courts are available for use 24/7.

The club carries the LTA insurance.

<b>Hazard</b>	<b>Control Measures in Place</b>	<b>Risk Factor</b>	<b>Further Control Measures</b>
Personal Injury from poor technique or low level of fitness or inappropriate footwear	Players are expected to be suitable fit for the tennis they are playing and wear appropriate tennis shoes	Medium	Observations of WTC Committee and Coach
Personal injury from faulty equipment	Heavy netting surrounding courts to protect spectators. Good quality tennis balls provided. Courts are regularly treated to prevent moss.	Low	
Personal injury from poor conditions	Courts can become slippery when wet or icy. Consider suspending play	Low	
Personal injury from slip, trip or fall	Committee members to instruct new members in court awareness, gully, edges, access and egress from Courts.	Low	Regular working party groups to keep the area clear and treat the courts to prevent moss.

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Any personal injury ranging from muscle fatigue, cramp sore/stiff joints, pulled and strained muscles, ligaments and tendons	Warm up at the beginning of each session Basic first aid kit available in the pavilion Mobile phone available to call emergency services Access and egress to the courts to be maintained for emergency vehicles. Accidents to be noted on the injury/accident/incident report form	Medium	Guide to warm up exercises is prominently displayed
Personal injury from other belongings taken onto court	Members asked to leave bags etc off court or on the bench provided.	Low	

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Use of private vehicles to take players to away venues	Drivers to be qualified for a minimum of 5 years. Drivers must not be under the influence of alcohol		
Parking is limited and on uneven ground. WTC have no parking rights	Members aware, written into court guidelines	Low	Visiting teams advised on arrangement of match.
Some uneven ground surrounding tennis court – slips trips and falls	Members aware	Low	Good housekeeping and ground maintenance
Crossing courts when play in progress – possible injury	Advise members to use both gates to prevent cross over	Low	
Wear & tear – slips trips and falls	Good housekeeping and ground maintenance	Low	Regular walk of courts and recorded inspection

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Accessing toilet Block if Overton Arrows using ground	Overton Arrows fly red flat when grounds in use	Low	Exclusion zone to keep to right of path. Members aware via guidelines to court. Visitors are escorted
Accessing toilets in men shed	WTC members and team captains have key access only to these toilets Members and visitors advised to take care in the corridor as sometimes used for storage by mens shed	Low	