



COVID-19 Guidelines, valid from 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021 until further notice.

**THE COURTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR WHITCHURCH TENNIS CLUB MEMBERS AND GUESTS ONLY**

Whitchurch Tennis Club is committed to operating within the UK Government guidelines as together we will beat the virus. The good news is that we can start playing Tennis again from 29<sup>th</sup> March.

Both courts are available for Doubles and Singles providing the below guidelines, which are designed to protect you the players and the community as a whole, are followed.

The WTC guidelines have been adapted from those issued by the LTA so that they are appropriate for our Club venue. In addition the LTA has guidelines specifically designed for Tennis Players, PLEASE READ BEFORE USING THE COURTS:

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

Please at the same time continue to observe the Government guidelines. These include social distancing of 2m at all times, the regular washing of hands which should be done before coming to the Club and when returning home. Plus avoid hand and ball contact with the nose, mouth and eyes especially while playing tennis.

Full guidelines issued by the Government can be found at:

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid19](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid19)

As part of our move to ensure that our venue is safe for Tennis during these challenging times we have introduced an online booking process through the LTAs ClubSpark website. As in point 12. below please follow the link from our website to make your booking.

Should you experience any difficulties please call Sue Knight on 07725 173858 and she will be pleased to help.

The Committee will continually review the guidelines to ensure continued safety. Obviously while we hope that they will be relaxed in the coming weeks in line with Government advice we will not hesitate to close the Venue again should the Guidelines not be followed.



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1. Social Distancing of 2 metres should be observed at all times both on and off the courts.
2. Please ensure that you play on the Court, either No. 1 or No. 2, that you booked.
3. Please use the appropriate gate and place your bags, drinks and any kit along the side netting not in the middle.
4. Please allow anybody using the court before you to leave prior to you entering.
5. Doubles and Singles play is permitted. Please take special care when changing ends which should be against the side netting to avoid contact with the other court.
6. You will need to provide your own equipment including balls.
7. Balls from the other court should be returned as soon as possible without picking them up.
8. All players aged 12 and under need to be supervised by an adult when playing.
9. For Membership Details please visit [www.whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk](http://www.whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk)
10. Members must join for the 2021/22 season before playing after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021, 75% Membership is applicable.
11. Guests can only play by invitation from a Member with the Member being responsible for explaining the Club Guidelines and for transferring £3.00 per Guest per session, bank details are on your Membership Form. Each Guest is limited to a maximum of 3 sessions, which can include Saturday afternoon Club Sessions, after which they should join as a Member when any guest fees already paid can be deducted from their Membership fee.
12. The court must be booked prior to playing, please go to [www.whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk](http://www.whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk) for online booking or download the ClubSpark App.
13. Maximum booking time per court is 1.5 hours, no gap between bookings is required.
14. Please take the relevant padlock onto the court with you and ensure that you lock the relevant gate for your court when leaving. If the other court is not in use please ensure that both gates are locked prior to leaving.
15. The clubhouse will be locked so there will be no toilet or first aid facilities.
16. You should have a mobile telephone in case of an emergency.
17. You will need to bring your own hand sanitizer and wipe the padlock and gate handle both before and after playing.
18. The net should be at the correct height so no need to adjust. Please contact Howard Bradley on 07904 382248 if you feel the net is the incorrect height.
19. If a ball is hit out of the court please retrieve it yourself while adhering to Social Distancing. If it is returned by a third party the ball should be cleaned.
20. As members of Whitchurch Tennis Club I/we agree to abide by all current guidelines of the club and understand that I am/we are playing entirely at my/our own risk.



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### **PRE-ATTENDANCE SYMPTON CHECK**

1. Anyone attending a venue (including players, coaches, committee and any other visitors), should undergo a pre-attendance self-assessment for any COVID19 symptoms using the information on the NHS website, see below, before leaving home.
2. No-one should leave home to participate in tennis if they, or someone they live with, has symptoms of COVID -19, currently recognised as any of the following: - A high temperature - A new, continuous cough - A loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste.
3. Should an individual have demonstrated any such symptoms, they must follow NHS/Government Guidance.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

4. If someone who has played at your venue develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should be directed to follow the Government's 'test and trace' guidelines, which can be read on the Gov.uk website, see below.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>

5. To support NHS Test and Trace, WTC will keep a temporary record of all those who book the court for 21 days via ClubSpark.
6. In addition we will keep a record of those who play in the Organised Tennis on a Tuesday and Thursday evening plus Saturday afternoon.
7. This information will be used to assist the NHS Test and Trace with requests for that data if needed.



### **Welfare**

All Club information including our Anti-bullying, Safeguarding, Diversity and Inclusion Policies can be found on our website [www.whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk](http://www.whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk)

Contact details for our Welfare Officer, Emma Longton are also on the website and on display in the clubhouse window.

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## **CLUB AND ORGANISED SESSIONS + COACHING**

1. Under the new government guidelines organised tennis in groups of more than 6 is still allowed providing the correct procedures are followed.
2. Social distancing of 2m+ should be observed at all times when not on the courts; including in the car park when arriving and leaving.
3. Players should travel to the courts on their own or within their household.
4. All players should bring their own hand sanitizer for use before and after play.
5. Shared balls will be used so avoid hand contact with the mouth, nose and eyes.
6. Please respect and observe the organisers/coach's instructions at all times.
7. When waiting to play ensure that you observe social distancing of 2m+.
8. If applicable the organiser or coach will have sanitized and placed chairs beside the court to ensure social distancing. The chairs should not be moved.
9. The clubhouse will remain closed so there will be no access to the toilet facilities.
10. If the first aid kit is required, please ask the organiser/coach who will be able to collect it from the clubhouse.
11. The organiser or coach will sanitize the chairs prior to replacing them in the clubhouse.
12. Play is restricted to singles and doubles per court unless it is an organised coaching session.
13. Please maintain social distancing as much as possible while playing.
14. Always stand back to allow players to leave the court prior to entering the court.

