



Guidelines, valid from April 1st 2026 until further notice.

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

Members

- Members must join for the 2026/27 season before playing. *For Membership Details please visit www.whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk*
- To avoid disappointment, the courts should be booked prior to playing; please go to www.whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk for online booking or download the ClubSpark App. However, you are welcome to turn up and play but may find the courts already in use by those who have booked. Maximum booking time per court is 1.5 hours.
- In order to protect one another, whilst Covid restrictions are no longer in place, please do not play if you have Covid symptoms or feel unwell.
- All players aged 12 and under need to be supervised by an adult when playing.

Padlock

Turn the combination to the current key code. Push the shackle down then release and the lock will open. To close, push the shackle into place and rotate the combination away from the key code. In order to ensure the code isn't seen, 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.

Club Room and Toilets

This year we continue to have the use of one room in the building next to the courts. This allows some respite from the elements whilst waiting to play; however using this room is at your own risk and is not covered by any insurance. The room is locked and you will receive the key code when you renew your membership or become a new member. Put in the code and push the button on the bottom of the padlock to open. Unfortunately the toilets behind the club room are no longer useable. If you need a toilet, the code for the toilet located beneath the Lady Rose hall is on the notice board.

Use of courts

Knocking-up tennis balls and net height measuring stick are in the club room. Please replace balls and measuring stick after use. Should it be needed, a first aid kit is stored under the bench in the club room.

Supervision

Children under the age of 13 are required to have supervision from a parent/responsible adult (over 18) or an LTA approved coach 18 whilst at The Whitchurch Tennis Club.

Guests

Guests are welcome to play on the courts, but there is a fee of £3 per play for a maximum of 3 visits. A receipt book, visitors' sheet and honesty cash drawer for guests can be found on the table on the left as you enter the club room. You can also pay by bank transfer (details on membership form). Please put Guest on the reference.

Parking

There is usually parking available behind the club room **except on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings** when the car park is in use by the Men's Shed. There is alternative parking just beyond the club room on the RHS. Maximum speed of 10mph.

Club Evenings and Saturday

The club evenings are pre-organised and are for all adult members. They will run from 7.00 pm on Tuesday and Thursday evenings using the lights as needed. Sue will email round to see who is available for playing and will organise 4 or 8 players to ensure everyone gets a good game. If you would like to be involved in the club evenings, please let her know: sue.knight53@icloud.com

Saturdays, at 2.00 or 3.00 pm, dependent upon the time of year, are also for all members. Sue will let you know who is hosting, so please contact the host to let them know you are available to play – this avoids people having to wait in the cold before playing. In the warmer weather, just turn up..

Home League Matches

Home league matches will be on Wednesday evenings/Sunday Mornings but not every week; if you want to play at these times you will need to check on the booking site.

LTA Coach

We work with various LTA qualified coaches and will release details as and when some sessions are organised.

Health and injury prevention

Please ensure that you let a member of committee know if you have any health issues that could affect your safety when playing tennis. Ensure that you warm up before playing to prevent injury and always wear appropriate footwear when on court. If you are injured, don't play if this will risk further injury. Be aware of conditions on court (e.g. leaves or frost) and take these into account when playing. Brooms to remove leaves on court can be found in the clubroom. If the courts are slippery do not play. If there are any other problems, please let a committee member know.

Accidents

In the unfortunate event of an accident on court, please record on the accident sheets which can be found on the clubroom table. Please always ensure that you have a charged mobile phone in order to contact emergency services if needed. There is a defibrillator located behind the men's shed.

Safety around the courts

Please be aware that when the red flag is flying on the archery field, archery is in progress. If searching for balls outside the courts, please take care as the ground around the courts is rough and uneven. You should have a charged mobile telephone available in case of an emergency. If play is taking place on court 1 (nearest the club room) please respect the players and use the other gate to access court 2 or ask permission to cross.

Codes of conduct and welfare

All policies regarding codes of conduct: anti-bullying, inclusion, diversity, safe-guarding and whistle blowing are on our website www.whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk and also in the club room.

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

Why not follow us on Facebook: #WhitchurchTennisClub or Instagram at

<https://instagram.com/whitchurchtennisclub> for latest information on club activities, events, coaching and team results.

Looking forward to seeing you on court soon!

Howard Bradley, Chair

