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Ashbourne Tennis Club: Covid-19: Return to restricted play guidelines

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Introduction

This guidance refers specifically to Ashbourne Tennis Club, Moor Lane, DE6 1NA to ensure tennis activity can be enjoyed in a way that is in line with Government advice and helps prevent the spread of Covid-19. Members are advised to read and abide by the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) Covid-19 guidance for players, coaches and venues. Link below:

<https://www.lta.org.uk/about-us/tennis-news/news-and-opinion/general-news/2020/march/coronavirus-covid-19---latest-advice/>

Guidelines

1. Players

- 1.1 Players should bring their own equipment and the minimum amount needed to play. Clean and wipe down your equipment including racquets and water bottles before and after use.
- 1.2 Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before leaving home to go to the court (or use an alcohol gel if washing hands is not possible)
- 1.3 Players should bring their own hand sanitiser to the courts and follow hygiene advice provided within Government guidelines. There will be no hand sanitiser provided at the club.
- 1.4 Players should not share food or drink with others.
- 1.5 Players must maintain social distancing – stay at least two metres away from other players at all times (including during play, when taking breaks and before and after play)
- 1.6 Players should not make physical contact with other players.
- 1.7 Avoid chasing the ball down to another court if other players are using it
- 1.8 Players should not congregate after playing. No extra-curricular or social activity should take place – seated areas have been taped off
- 1.9 Players should take away any rubbish as the club rubbish bins have been removed
- 1.10 Do not leave your home to play tennis if Government advice means you should stay at home because you or someone you live with has or has had symptoms of Covid-19, or you are in the most vulnerable category and have been advised to shield from the coronavirus

2. Singles play

- 2.1 Singles play is allowed against a different household. Please adhere to all LTA guidelines provided.
- 2.2 Avoid using your hands to pick up tennis balls that aren't yours – use your own clearly marked tennis balls e.g. with your initials (when playing singles against a different household)

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2.3 Stay on your side of the court and avoid changing ends, or agree to change ends at opposite sides of the net (if playing singles against a different household)

3. Doubles play

3.1 Doubles play is only permitted with 4 players from the same household

4. Courts – bookings and access

4.1 Courts must be booked in advance via Club Spark. Members can access the 'court bookings' tab via the club website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ashbournetennisclub>. Players should register on Club Spark to enable court bookings if they do not currently have access. Any questions please contact Sally Longley, Club Secretary: 07787 118013 or David Longworth, Membership Secretary: 07952 237892.

4.2 Players must leave the courts **10 minutes before the end of their booking time** to ensure that the court is empty for the next players.

4.3 The court gates will remain open for players to access the courts. Players should use the gate nearest to Court 1 for access to Court 1 and Court 2 and the gate nearest to Court 3 for access to Court 3. Court 4 is accessible by its own gate.

4.4 Players should not proceed onto the pathway leading to any of the courts from the car park or from the courts back to the car park until the path is clear.

4.5 Daylight play only, floodlights not to be used.

4.6 Park car at a safe distance (greater than 2 metres) from other cars in the car park

5. Nets

5.1 The nets will be adjusted to the correct height so players should not adjust them. Net winders have been removed.

6. Clubhouse and Facilities

6.1 The clubhouse will remain closed at present. Only access should be for the First Aid Box as needed.

6.2 Floodlights should not be used.

6.3 All toilets are currently closed.

6.4 Do not use benches at the courts.

Review of Guidelines

These guidelines will be reviewed by the Management Committee on a weekly basis and when any Government and LTA advice and guidelines change. Any amendments to these guidelines will be communicated to all Ashbourne Tennis Club members. A copy of these guidelines will be situated in the Noticeboard at the courts along with posters providing key messages. These guidelines will be available on the club website

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ashbournetennisclub>

Any questions please contact:

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