



Regulations

1. The summer grass court season will extend from 1 May to 31 August. Exact dates will be decided by the committee and notified to all members. The hard court will remain open all year.
2. The committee will reserve the right to close the courts to members for maintenance or due to adverse weather.
3. The committee shall have power to reserve the courts for Club sessions, coaching sessions, club matches and club tournaments.
4. (a) During the summer grass court season, senior members and juniors of an appropriate age/standard of play (please contact Chris Stocker - 07869 037556) may use the grass courts by booking via the club website booking page.
<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/blofieldtennisclub/Booking/BookByDate#?date=2022-02-08&role=administrator>
- (b) Other juniors are permitted to play on the grass courts and must:
 - (i) Be supervised by a responsible adult when playing on the grass courts
 - (ii) Vacate the grass courts by 6pm on Monday to Friday inclusive
5. (a) During the summer grass court season, Club Session play will be supervised by committee members whenever possible. If no committee member is present, then club members are asked to organise play inclusively.

(b) play shall normally be restricted to a maximum of one tiebreak set of doubles before mixing with other players or exceptionally, where players are waiting, play a short set, i.e. the first to 4 games.

(c) If other members are waiting and all available courts are in use, singles is not permitted

(d) If one or two courts only are available for use, then the number of games shall be restricted at the discretion of the supervising committee members
6. (a) Suitable safe and serviceable sportswear should be worn by members or players on court, preferably recognized tennis wear when on court.

(b) All members or players must wear recognised tennis shoes on the grass courts. Tennis shoes are rubber soled and have no raised heels, spikes, studs, cleats, bars or deep ribbing. Trainers are not permitted on the grass courts in any circumstances as they cause damage to the grass surface.

Preferably, tennis shoes should also be worn on the hard court. Trainers may be worn on the hard court, but are not recommended, as they are not designed specifically for tennis and do not provide the same support and grip as a tennis shoe.

7. (a) Tennis balls will normally be provided for club play, available from the clubhouse
(b) Not more than 4 balls are to be used per court at any time.

(c) After each game, the departing players should ensure that 4 balls are left available at the net for the next group.

(d) Members should not retrieve balls from the neighbours gardens.

(e) On completion of each session, all tennis balls should be returned to the clubhouse.

8. All members are requested to observe court etiquette at all times, i.e. ;

(a) Members should not walk behind courts whilst play is in progress

(b) Members should not smoke in the clubhouse

(c) Players should return balls gently to the server following each point

(d) The point score should be clearly stated by the server following each point

9. (a) The clubhouse combination lock number shall be available to all senior members and the designated adult for junior members.

(b) Following each session, the last member to leave must ensure that;

- (i) All tennis balls are returned to the clubhouse
- (ii) All court nets have been lowered
- (iii) All lights, heating, power in the clubhouse has been switched off
- (iv) The clubhouse is securely locked

(c) Members are requested to use and maintain the clubhouse in a tidy manner

(e) Children are supervised at all times on the club's premises

10. All fixed and portable equipment shall remain in the ownership of Blofield Tennis Club and shall not be removed from the premises.

11. Guest players must always be accompanied by a club member and their name should be included as a participant when booking the court. The appropriate guest fee for each visit (£3 per junior under 18 years / £5 per adult) should be paid to the club bank account – see website court booking page for bank details.

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