



Welcome to

Bramford Tennis Club

COVID-19 RESUMPTION OF PLAY POLICY

Everyone using the Bramford Tennis Club's courts must do so in accordance with government, LTA and Club guidelines as detailed below and in the posters on court. Please follow the rules and be aware that changes may occur at short notice. Always think of others, stay safe, stay alert and welcome #BackToTennis.

Following on from the government's latest announcements on 10th May 2020, announcing a limited easing of the lockdown restrictions, we are pleased to announce that following a thorough risk assessment conducted by the club committee that the club will re-open in a reduced capacity from midday on Mon 18th May 2020. Play will be limited to that defined under the strict guidelines for venues, coaches, and players as detailed by the LTA (see link at the end of this document) and further expanded upon in this email and the specific club policy document on COVID-19 (visit the club website for details)

It is **ESSENTIAL** that all members follow the new rules to the letter as this will avoid the risk of further transmission of the COVID-19 infection, ensure that all members can play in a safe environment and allow the club to remain open.

Over the coming weeks, if the infection rates continue to fall, we hope that the LTA will be able to issue further guidelines that allow the scope of playing options to be extended, though the health and safety of our members is paramount so if further closures are required then we will of course act accordingly.

RULES FOR RESUMPTION OF TENNIS AT BRAMFORD TENNIS CLUB – VALID FROM 18th MAY 2020

We appreciate that the rest of the 2020/21 season is still far from guaranteed but tennis is one of the few sports where social distancing rules can be relatively easily applied. For this reason, providing all members follow the rules which have been agreed by the club committee and which are based upon LTA guidelines, some tennis activities can resume under the following conditions.

1. Only court 1 (separate court) and court 2 will be bookable and in use initially. This is so that we can maximise the social distance between players and minimise the risk of balls from one court traversing to the other court. We will look to reintroduce court 3 in due course.
2. Only members who have renewed or recently joined will be able to “book” a court and all bookings must be done via a ClubSpark login (setup at renewal or when you joined)
3. Courts **MUST** be booked in advance via the **BOOKING** link on the club website. Note that bookings may be limited each week to ensure that all members have a chance to play.

4. There are no formal toilet facilities at the tennis club so we would advise players to go to the toilet before travelling to the courts. Please wash hands thoroughly as per government advice before travelling to the club and as soon as possible after play when you arrive home. Also bring and use your own hand sanitiser for more frequent hand hygiene purposes.
5. When booking a court, please leave at least a 10-15min gap between your booking and any others. Arrive and leave promptly after you session to avoid unnecessary contact with others.
6. DO NOT stay for a social chat on the courts or in the car park at the start or end of your session.
7. Only SINGLES play is allowed unless you are playing with members of your own household in which case doubles is permissible.
8. Players MUST bring their own equipment and avoid use of communal rackets or tennis balls
9. Under NO circumstances should you arrange group play or social gatherings at the club.
10. The member booking the court SHOULD record the name of the person(s) they are playing with (use the "advance option" on the booking form to bring up the detailed screen and record names in the "description" field. These details are important should any contact tracing be required at a future point.
11. The CODE to access the courts will be automatically advised in the booking confirmation email. Note that the code may be changed on a regular basis so please check your booking carefully
12. DO NOT give the court lock code out to others under any circumstances.
13. ALWAYS maintain a social distance of at least 2 metres and where possible avoid changing ends.
14. All fixtures (locks, latches etc) will be regularly disinfected but note that nets have been adjusted and net winders have been DELIBERATELY REMOVED for the time being to minimise contact.
15. When entering/leaving the courts, if you need to touch a lock or other fixture, ensure that you bring and use hand sanitiser before and afterwards (you may also want to consider using gloves).
16. Please familiarise yourself with and FOLLOW the instructions on the signs around the courts e.g. 2m social distancing, no equipment sharing, only one person to use a bench at any one-time etc
17. At the present time, coaching is restricted to 1:1 sessions only. Coaching at the club can ONLY be delivered by our Accredited coach, Carl Douglas. Note that a parent can attend coaching with a junior player and sit and watch as per normal providing the 2m safe distancing guidelines are followed. If you are interested in coaching please contact Carl by email carl.douglas@talk21.com or text 07553 966380 to check availability and pricing.
18. If you or anyone in your family is unwell or self-isolating, then you MUST NOT attend the club under any circumstance.
19. Anyone found to be in breach of these rules could have their membership suspended or in extreme or repeat breaches cancelled.
20. These rules will be subject to regular review and updates as the COVID-19 situation and government/LTA guidance changes.

Bramford Tennis Club Committee

IMPORTANT LINKS

<https://www.lta.org.uk/coronavirus>

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