

Dear Member,

Please find attached an amended version of the Safe Tennis Protocol that we issued previously. While there has been some relaxation of the playing arrangements it is extremely important that members continue to follow the social distancing and recommended hygiene arrangements. Where there are further changes to the guidance, we will keep members advised. It is entirely up to individuals to decide whether they wish to play tennis at present but if they do all players must adhere to the requirements of the protocol.

Safe Tennis Protocol – 4 June 2021

- Do not leave home to play tennis if Scottish 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.
- Access to the clubhouse is only permitted for toilet use, medical emergencies and to access floodlight switches. Only one person should be in the clubhouse at any time and where the toilet facilities have been used taps, handles, sinks etc. should be wiped down before leaving. The kitchen and changing rooms remain out of use at present.
- To reduce the number of players at the club at any one-time players should arrive promptly and leave court slightly before their allotted time.
- Follow the revised court entry and exit system which is clearly sign posted. Now that the court side gate is open again, we have introduced a one-way system for entry and exit of the courts. This is to reduce interactions while Covid restrictions remain in place.
- Players should take all personal belongings with them and avoid congregating at the clubhouse before or after they play.
- Players must maintain social distancing (2 metre rule) at all times. The only exception to this is for children aged 17 years and younger, who are no longer required to physically distance during activity. Children aged 11 and under do not need to physically distance at any time, but 12-17 year olds must physically distance both before and after activity.
- All players must bring hand sanitisers (minimum alcohol content of 70%) with them to use before and after games and other measures they consider appropriate.
- Sanitisers/cleanser will also be available outside the clubhouse.
- Players wearing gloves should also use hand sanitisers and be equipped with multiple pairs of gloves to change if required following contact with an 'at risk' touchpoint.
- Please minimise use of hands when opening/closing gates and if there is nobody on court on your arrival and departure please sanitise entrance and court gate handles.
- Courts 1, 2 and 3 can be used for singles and doubles play.
- It is **not** permissible to turn up at the club and play without first having made a booking through ClubSpark, even if courts are available. Players should arrange the participants prior to making a booking.
- The person booking a court **must** take a note of the name and contact phone number of each player who participated and this record must be retained for a minimum of 21 days. This is essential as part of the Test and Protect framework.
- Individual bookings are limited to 90-minute slots to help to free up time for others.
- Players do not need to use their own marked tennis balls but some may opt to do so. If you choose to use shared balls then extra care must be taken to ensure you do not touch your face during play, and you should clean your hands before play and immediately after finishing (use alcohol gel if required). Tennis balls from other courts should be returned using the racket/foot to avoid hand contact.
- Avoid changing ends or if agreed, change at opposite sides of the court.

- Tennis nets will be set at the correct height and adjustment handles will be disabled.
- If there are no other players present when you leave the club, the main gate **must** be locked.
- Parents are responsible for ensuring that children under 13 years are accompanied and supervised effectively at all times and adhere to the protocol requirements.
- Parents are responsible for ensuring that children aged 13–18 years fully understand and adhere to the protocol requirements.
- Members who are available to play during the day are encouraged to do so. This will reduce pressure on the availability of evening bookings for those who work.
- Box league matches can now be played subject to following the booking guidance detailed above.
- Guests may now be invited to play at the club and members must ensure that guests follow the requirements of the Safe Tennis protocol at all times. Due to reduced clubhouse access the Guest Book will be located under the bench at the clubhouse door and members should enter their details and those of the guest. It is important that guests include their mobile phone number in case they have to be traced in the event of someone testing positive for COVID-19. Payment of guest fees should preferably be made by bank transfer (using the surname as reference) to Corstorphine Lawn Tennis Club sort code 80 02 27 a/c no. 00141641. Guests may play for a maximum of twice in any one month.
- One on one and group coaching are permitted where physical distancing can be maintained. Coaches that provide services to the club have confirmed they will comply with the control requirements detailed in the Covid-19 Risk Assessment document.
- Plans to re-introduce social tennis are underway and members will be notified of the arrangements in the near future.
- Use of the ball machine is not permitted at present.

We hope the revised arrangements detailed above and guidance we have already issued on hand washing and cleaning will assure our members that we are taking appropriate measures to reduce the continued risks posed by the Coronavirus while enabling tennis to be reintroduced albeit with restrictions. We would ask that members respect each other and observe the requirements detailed above. A link to the latest Tennis Scotland guidance for Tennis Venues, Coaches and Players in Scotland is attached for information. [TS Coronavirus Update | Tennis Scotland | LTA](#)

Finally, I hope you all continue to enjoy playing safe tennis at the club.

Neil Moncrieff
(Club Captain)