

DUSTON UNITED TENNIS CLUB

Committee Meeting

Monday 11th May 2020 - 8.30pm online via WhatsApp Video Call

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| 1. Online: | Brian Warren | BW | Chairman |
| | David Barr | DB | Club Manager |

Ian McIlwaine	IM	Liz Moore	LM	Suzanne McIlwaine	SM
Richard Smith	RS	Jan Johnson	JJ		

2. Apologies/Not online: Roy Robinson – unable to contact

3. Special Meeting called by DB at short notice due to current situation in UK.

On March 23rd 2020 the government announced a lockdown in the UK due to the new coronavirus, Covid19, that was spreading as a pandemic affecting people with mild symptoms through to terminal life consequences. Sport was affected and completely stopped. Due to measures enforced the rate of infection dropped sufficiently that the government has now started some relaxation of rules regarding playing of sport from Wednesday 13th May. The rules must be implemented and are discussed here and how the Club can implement these rules whilst allowing the restricted playing of tennis.

4. Draft Rules as set out by DB – followed by discussion

To be applied from: _____

- Only club members can use the courts. No pay and play.
- Courts must be booked in advance using the club's online court booking system. Maximum of 2 hours play with members of your own household only.
- Court access gate on court 1 to be left open at all times to avoid touching the handle
- Court 2 cannot be booked to allow adequate social distancing between multiple courts in use eg for when balls cross courts
- Car park gate must be opened and closed using gloves provided by the member operating the gate
- Permanent outside hand sanitising station situated on a table next to the clubhouse entrance to be used by everyone prior to play and after play.
- No shaking hands
- Members who need a club key can obtain one from the Club Manager
- The path behind the courts must be used for access to courts 3 and 4
- Players must bring their own tennis balls and rackets (no lending allowed)
- The clubhouse remains closed until further notice. Therefore no toilet access
- All play to cease by 9pm as the daylight fades around this time and floodlights will NOT be allowed to be switched on

JJ – Sanitiser station to be set up outside Clubhouse as well as members bringing their own sanitiser. First Aid box to be left outside in covered plastic so it can be used if needed and protected from hands and the weather. **RS would like to provide sanitiser initially.**

IM – No standing or loitering by the Clubhouse so that social distancing is not compromised.

LM – Social distancing must be adhered to otherwise members of the public would see non-adherence from houses around courts or from playing field. Police or Council or LTA could visit Club.

DB – Players on court are representatives of the Club and if rules are not adhered to then the Club may be closed. Players breaking rules may have membership cancelled but booking of courts would be retracted.

SM – Booking must be done via ClubSpark online booking and players must leave court 5 mins before end of session so that social distancing is not compromised. Court 2 needs to be blocked out so that it cannot be booked. No play before 9am and after 9pm.

JJ – Players with any symptoms of Covid19 or any suspected symptoms must not come to the Club.

RS – Practice wall should not be used as it cannot be booked, would require crossing of Court 4 or mini courts, distancing difficult seating by mini courts in use and is not a necessity at this time as practice can be organised with one person outside a household.

DB – Doubles can only take place between members of the same household.

SM – Court 4 should be booked by families or children of families who want to use the Mini-courts as there is no easy separation in this area.

IM – bookings should be for a maximum of 90 minutes to allow as many as 6 players in busy periods. **SM to amend the ClubSpark online website booking system.**

JJ – Signs should be put up in the appropriate places so misunderstandings cannot occur. **JJ volunteered to make the signs and DB is a laminator.**

5. Membership Fees

IM – proposed that all current memberships are extended to May 31st. All agreed that this was a sensible way to proceed. **DB to notify all members**

DB – proposed that new members should pay a membership fee based on the Direct Debit monthly amount and because of the restricted play it should be half the current fee.

i.e. Family A – would be £24.99 per month, Family B would be £14.99 per month, Single Adult would be £11.99 per month and Adult Couple would be £21.99 per month. All agreed.

6. Coaching

DB wanted to start up one-to-one coaching again as group coaching cannot happen. All agreed and that Court 4 should be used for this. DB to book Court 4 as required and asap.

7. Club championships and Duston Cup

Duston Cup may be able to be run in September but will reassess situation later in year.

Club Championships – Singles is possible in a modified format with the possibility of using box leagues and the new pro scoring system. The winners of the box leagues going onto semi-finals and the final.

8. Date of next meeting – Sunday 24th May online at 7.30pm via WhatsApp Video
9. Points not covered in this meeting
 - Check the LTA Child Protection certificate is posted on noticeboard.
 - Painting of white line on step up to the courts.
 - Clubhouse must remain closed but the table tennis table has been purchased.
 - Fundraising events are not possible at this time but EasyFundraising is to be encouraged.
 - Finances to be covered at a future meeting.
10. Addendum – LTA published guidelines now state that members have to provide their own sanitiser.