

Edgbaston Archery & Lawn Tennis Society

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1. Policy statement

Edgbaston Archery & Lawn Tennis Society is committed to protecting the health of all our members, and the wider general public. This policy describes how we are seeking to mitigate the risks that have arisen due to the Coronavirus.

2. Scope

This Policy is applicable to all staff, volunteers, committee members, coaches and club members. It is in line with guidance from the government and the LTA and we expect it to be updated regularly; these updates will be communicated to members.

3. Guidance for players

- If you, or anyone in your home, has symptoms of Coronavirus, please do not visit the club
- Follow government advice in terms of travel and social distancing restrictions at all times

(A) BEFORE AND AFTER PLAY

Before leaving home and after you return

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or sanitise

Court bookings

- You **must** have had a court booked before visiting the club. You can do this online at www.ealts.net/booking
- Contact the individual(s) you wish to play with directly to arrange a game
- You may book the astro / shale / clay courts, following the advice from club emails and on the website.

Equipment

- Take hand sanitiser with you and apply before and after key touchpoints, particularly the gates to the club
- Take all your own equipment (do not share rackets, grips, hats, towels, etc)
- Only take the minimum amount of equipment with you that you need to play
- Clean and wipe down your equipment, including racquets and water bottles before and after use
- Bring your own drinks and do not share with others. Please bear in mind that if the clubhouse is closed, there will be no access to running water
- LTA guidelines now permit the sharing of tennis balls. However, please be aware that other members you are playing with may not be comfortable with this and may wish to continue serving with their own balls; please respect this
- Ensure you take all your belongings with you at the end of the session and do not leave anything on the court

Travelling to and from the court

- Avoid using public transport if possible
- Car sharing is allowed from **Monday 17th May 2021**.
- Please arrive at the club no more than 15 minutes before your court booking slot starts
- Avoid touching court gates, fences, etc. if possible and use hand sanitiser before and after if you do need to
- Allow others to leave before you enter the court - make sure you maintain social distancing while doing so
- Make sure you arrive ready to play - if the clubhouse is closed there will be no access to toilets, changing rooms or showers

(B) DURING PLAY

Court limits

- Both singles and doubles play is permitted with people from outside of your household, providing that you remain two metres apart as far as possible - meaning that four people from different households can play doubles

Maintaining social distancing (other than where players are from the same household)

- Stay at least two metres away from other players at all times (when taking breaks and before/after play)
- Do not make physical contact with other players (such as shaking hands or high fiving)
- For doubles, consider agreeing in advance which player will take the shot if a ball travels to the centre of the court
- Avoid chasing the ball down to another court if other players are using it

Equipment and facilities

- LTA guidelines allow for balls to be shared
- Avoid using your hands to pick up tennis balls from other courts where possible - use your racquet / foot to return them
- Avoid using other equipment such as courtside benches and net handles where possible
- Please continue to brush the clay and shale courts after use but ensure you use hand sanitiser before and after to minimise the risk of transmission

Hygiene

- If you need to sneeze or cough, do so into a tissue or upper sleeve
- Avoid touching your face
- Use hand sanitiser regularly and certainly before and after play

Safeguarding

- Under 12s must be accompanied to the club by an adult (ideally only one); social distancing must be maintained while you wait
- Under 18s are not allowed to play with over 18s without a responsible adult present
- Where under 18s play with each other, parents must be aware of the arrangements and communications

(C) TENNIS PLAY

- Recreational, social, and competitive play is permitted.
- Facilitated mix-ins are running as per LTA rules.
- Spectating is allowed from **Monday 17th May 2021**.

(D) FIRST AID

- A First Aid box is situated both in the outdoor storage box outside the coaching hut (to the left of the clubhouse as you look at it from the courts) so that it is accessible if needed at any time, as well as another in the outer bar area.

4. Coaching operations

Court limits

- Group coaching arrangements allow for 12 players per court.

Maintaining social distancing

- Social distancing between players, and between the coach and players must be maintained at all times

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- Where necessary, drills and the way in which feedback is given, will be adapted to ensure social distancing guidelines are followed

Equipment and facilities

- LTA guidelines state that coaches do not need to use new or fresh tennis balls for each lesson
- Players should bring their own equipment wherever possible. If a player needs a racket, the coach will lend them one, which has been appropriately wiped down
- Any coaching equipment, e.g. cones, will be wiped down with antibacterial wipes after each lesson
- All equipment will be removed from the court at the end of the session

Health, safety and hygiene

- Coaches will use hand sanitiser between coaching sessions
- The first aid box is to be accessible at all time during coaching
- Please note that all our coaches are trained first aiders

Bookings and payment

- Courts must be booked online before the coaching session takes place
- Payment should be made to the coach via bank transfer where possible

Coaching young children

- The same guidance applies for coaching children as for adults
- For Guardians social distancing must be observed while watching the session
- We will not be providing any coaching in schools for the time being

5. Clubhouse

Bar operation

- The bar is generally open Tues-Fri from 7pm (subject to volunteer availability), plus variable times over the weekend. Check social media updates for confirmed times.

Clubhouse

- The clubhouse is now open: 4:30pm - 9:10pm on weekdays & 8am - 9:10pm on weekends. This could change during school holidays.
- This is for toilet and floodlight access only.
- Members must use the QR Code on the door when entering the front door.
- Sanitise as instructed.
- The kitchen will be closed unless being used for matches or arranged events.

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