



Conditions for Playing Tennis at Elmwood LTC

These conditions are to allow tennis play but keep everyone safe by limiting the possible transmission of Covid-19 and allowing track & trace of who was where when should someone who has been at the club get ill.

EVERYONE at the club should be actively involved in making sure these rules and current government guidelines regarding health, social distancing and hygiene are adhered to.

If you think something is unsafe, or not in line with these conditions, then please take an active role in resolving the situation.

Do not wait for someone else to act.

Who can play?

The club is only open for singles play between members from different households, or doubles where members live in the same household. We cannot accommodate visitors/non-members at the moment.

LTA guidelines say “Limit activities to court rental and coaching activity to no more than two people per court (other than where players are from the same household)

No extra-curricular or social activity should take place”

So, no other people should be at the club.

The only exception being a (one per family) parent/guardian of a Junior/Cadet having coaching, or a Junior under 16 who has booked.

When can I play?

Courts will be available for booking and access to club will be allowed between 7:30am and 9:00pm.

Arranging to play

You may only play by booking a court through the new booking system on our website (see separate instructions).

You must also inform us by email of the name of your opponent, so that track & trace is possible. If you do not and can't be reached to confirm your booking will be deleted.

Bookings will initially be restricted to 1-session of 90-minutes per member every 3-days.

We will monitor the demand on the courts and increase/decrease this restriction accordingly.

Preparation before play

Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before leaving home to go to the court and as soon as you return home.

Bring a full water bottle, and do not share food or drink with others.

Bring your own hand sanitiser and/or gloves.

We are trying to provide hand sanitiser, but we cannot guarantee it will not get used up/stolen, so please also bring your own.

Take all your own equipment (do not share equipment such as rackets, grips, hats and towels) and only take the minimum amount of equipment needed to play.

Bring your own tennis balls (minimum of 2) that are clearly marked (e.g. with your initials).

The club house is closed with no access to the toilet for any members. So go to the loo before coming to the club.

On arriving/leaving the club

The front gate will be closed, and the code only given out after booking a court.

Avoid any queuing on entering or leaving the grounds.

If you are the last to leave, please ensure that all court gates are locked as well as making sure the club gate is closed and locked behind you.

The First Aid box is stored in the club letter box on the main entrance gate if needed.

Entering/leaving the court

The first person in the morning should unlock the court gates and the last person at night should lock them.

When entering the court keep a safe distance from other players.

Allow players to exit the court before you enter everyone keeping a safe distance.

Also use the double-gates on court 1 to access courts 1 and 2 and the gate on court 3 to access courts 2 and 3.

Nets have been set to the correct height and winders removed in accordance with LTA guidelines.

While playing

Always stay at least 2 metres away from other players (including during play, when taking breaks and before and after play).

Do not make physical contact with other players (such as shaking hands or high five).

Stay on your side of court and avoid changing ends or agree to change ends at opposite sides of the net.

Avoid chasing the ball down to another court if other players are using it.

Use your own clearly marked tennis balls.

Avoid using your hands to pick up tennis balls that aren't yours.

If you need to sneeze or cough, do so into a tissue or upper sleeve.

Avoid touching your face.

After playing

Ensure you leave the court before the end of your allotted time so that it is empty for the next players.

When dragging the clay courts after use (please allow 5-minutes extra at the end of your session to do this) use gloves or apply hand sanitiser after use. We will attempt to provide gloves for this purpose, but we cannot guarantee they will not get used up/stolen.

Ensure you take all your belongings with you at the end of the session and do not leave anything on court.

Allow players to exit the court before you enter everyone keeping a safe distance.

Do not congregate after playing. Leave straight away.