

Dear Members

We're very happy to let you know that in line with government and LTA advice the club is now able to reopen from 12:00 noon on Wednesday 13th May for play and 1 to 1 coaching lessons.

As there will still be restrictions in place, I want to share our exact plan with you, so you can be reassured that we will be doing everything we can to keep everyone safe, while at the same time allowing you to enjoy some tennis.

Please find all of the measures in below

CLUB PLAY SAFE GUIDELINES: RETURN TO RESTRICTED PLAY

Membership

- Please ensure you have renewed your membership before booking and playing

Facilities

- Toilets will remain closed
- The clubhouse will be closed to members, and only staff will have limited access
- Please honour the 2 metre social distancing measures and do not gather in groups on the club grounds

Health, Safety & Hygiene

- Coaches will have access to the club for first aid and emergency equipment, and will deliver modified first aid as advised by St Johns ambulance during the coronavirus pandemic
- Members must ensure they provide their own hand sanitizer
- Players and coaches to wash/sanitise their hands before and after each lesson
- Please avoid touching net handles, gates and touch points where possible

Tennis Activity

- No more than two people playing singles on a court (Other than where players are from the same household)

Court Access

- Please where possible, travel by bike or by foot – to avoid congestion in the club car park
- Please honour social distancing measure of 2 metres by not turning up early at the court and being respectful towards other members concerns over Covid-19

Equipment

- Players should bring their own equipment – it is advised to avoid use of communal rackets or tennis balls

Bookings

- Courts must be booked online via the ClubSpark 'Book A Court' section on our website – please follow our How To Book guide attached in the email
- Only paid up members we be able to book
- Members can only book one hour at a time
- Members are entitled to book up to 3 hours of play in a 7 day period.
- Juniors cannot book any grass court at anytime, or any hard or astro court after 5pm Monday – Friday

COACHING PLAY SAFE GUIDELINES: RETURN TO RESTRICTED PLAY

Court Limits

- One to one coaching only

Social Distancing

- Coaches will positioned on the other side of the net, and maintain social distancing from players at all times
- Adaptation of drill to ensure social distancing

Equipment

- Regular rotation of tennis balls and more 'live ball' exercises.
- Coach the only person to touch the tennis balls, players must use feet/racket to return them
- Players to bring their equipment, such as rackets
- All coaching equipment will be cleaned and wiped down afterwards

Health, Safety & Hygiene

- Coaches will have access to the club for first aid and emergency equipment, and will deliver modified first aid as advised by St Johns ambulance during the coronavirus pandemic
- Players and coaches to wash/sanitise their hands before and after each lesson

Bookings & Payment

- Payments will be taken by BACS, to avoid handling cash.

Coaching Young Children

- Only one child per coach
- Guardian (non-participant) attendance should be limited to one per child where possible.

Player Play Safe Guidelines: Return To Restricted Play

Follow the link

<https://www.lta.org.uk/about-us/tennis-news/news-and-opinion/general-news/2020/march/coronavirus-covid-19---latest-advice/>

It's important to note that we will be updating the above measures as often as necessary to ensure that we're complying with all government and LTA guidelines and regulations. If/when measures are updated, we will let you know.

It will only be everyone following these measures that we'll be able to keep everyone safe, so we appreciate your cooperation!

One major difference will be that all courts must now be booked online via our ClubSpark page and you can follow our How To guide on the other attached link on our club homepage.

Before booking, can the member booking the court please ensure that everyone playing is a paid member. Any members who have not re-joined should contact Peter Keeling before they play.

At present, with no way of knowing how heavy court usage might be, we are not allowing visitors to play. This will be reviewed and adjusted accordingly.

We hope the grass courts will be open to play next week.

Finally, if you have any questions, concerns or need any extra information, please get in touch with myself, Peter Keeling, Ying Ying or Allan Morton.

As always, we're here to help in any way possible.

We hope that the game of tennis will be able to bring you some joy and much needed physical activity and we look forward to seeing (at a safe distance) soon!

Regards

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Chairman