

Road Tennis Club - Code of Conduct & Etiquette

On court

- Courts should be booked in advance (and guest fees paid if applicable) using the correct booking procedure.
- Court bookings should be cancelled if no longer required.
- Club events, sessions, and coaching programme take priority.
- Use proper equipment – sports clothing and especially suitable tennis shoes. Players may be asked to leave the court if they have incorrect footwear.
- Do not use mobile phones on court.
- Floodlights – only switch on floodlights for the court you have booked and switch off after use. (Floodlight switches are to be operated by over 16s only.)
- Lower the nets after use.
- If you are the last to leave the courts, please ensure the gate is tightly locked and combination code scrambled.

In the Clubhouse

- Children (under 16) should not be left alone in the clubhouse and are not permitted in the kitchen.
- During Junior camps and Saturday Squads, adult members should refrain from using the toilets and changing rooms if children are in the clubhouse.
- Smoking is not allowed anywhere on the premises, this includes electronic cigarettes.
- If using kitchen, please make sure dishes and surfaces are cleaned after use. No alcohol is to be left on site.
- Please dispose of litter in bins provided and take recycling home with you.
- If you wish to run an event there is a form and procedure which you can obtain from the committee.
- When vacating the clubhouse, ensure any electrical devices are switched off, including lights, and all lockable doors are secured.
- Consider our neighbours at all times by keeping noise to a reasonable level.

Club Etiquette – important rules so that we can all enjoy our tennis

THINK - never walk behind a court when a ball is in play. Wait until the point is over, cross quickly.

QUIET - talk quietly when standing near tennis courts that are in use.

WAIT - if people are on your court, do not disturb them until their time is up.

- When sending balls back to a neighbouring court, roll them on to the back of the court. Never send them back while play is in progress.
- Don't criticise your partner, aim to offer encouragement.
- Call the lines on your side of the net and let your opponent hear the call. If the ball is good say nothing and play on. Always respect the line calls of your opponent.
- It is polite to wait for the opponent when reaching the net on changing ends.
- It is not polite in 'social' tennis to drill the ball at the net player.
- Unacceptable language or behaviour will not be tolerated, incidents will be addressed by the committee.