

**COVID-19: The LTA Advice is that a RETURN to MANAGED PLAY form of tennis can be played – as per LTA update 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020**



If choosing to play tennis at Stocksbridge, please observe the following:

**COURT BOOKING** – Courts must be booked (online through your ClubSpark link before playing), making use of the '+Add participant' function. This will comply with providing quality data for contact track and trace. The member booking the court is ultimately responsible for providing the names of players on their booking.

**MEMBERS ONLY** – no guests, not even as spectators. Under 12s to be supervised at all times (by an 18+ member). Juniors aged 12-17 must seek parental consent to play and must adhere to these protocols.

**HAND HYGIENE** is imperative. **WASH HANDS** immediately before setting off for the courts. Bring your own hand sanitiser and use it before and after playing. Wash your hands immediately on returning home.

**CLUBHOUSE LIMITED SUPERVISED ACCESS:** Arrive dressed for play with all your own equipment including racquet, balls, hand sanitizer and drink. There is limited access to a single unisex toilet (in the ladies); drinking water refill from the Kitchen; First Aid Box in the Kitchen. Other parts of the clubhouse remain strictly closed except for maintenance. Whilst in the clubhouse, please follow protocols and signage up on the walls and doors in these areas. The access code to the clubhouse will remain available to committee members, insured coaches and current team captains only. *(A separate protocol for limited clubhouse access is listed on our website under the PLAYER SAFETY/COVID page).*

**SOCIAL DISTANCING** - Maintain a social distance of 2 metres wherever possible. There are to be no social gathering after the game – go straight away.

**LEAVE NOTHING BEHIND** - Ensure you take all your belongings with you at the end of the session and do not leave anything behind.

**SINGLES and DOUBLES** – May be played between club members from different households.

**CONTACT POINTS** - Avoid touching court gates (tied open), nets (set / do not adjust), fences, benches, etc. and to unlock/lock the main gate, used a glove or piece of fabric to minimise personal contact with this unavoidable surface. Use alcohol gel after touching any surfaces - gates, fences, path side handrails etc., and avoid doing so where possible.

**MARKED TENNIS BALLS** - Bring your own tennis balls that are clearly marked. **IF** balls are shared on court regularly sanitize hands and avoid contact with eyes, nose and mouth. Return balls from other courts using feet/racquet. If players wish to, they can choose to use their own marked tennis balls in which case do not handle tennis balls that are not your own. Do not chase a ball onto another court – instead wait for it to be returned.

**PRIVATE COACHING** - Head Coach Ryan is offering, 1-to-1 or paired coaching from the same household and can be contacted on 07713 905999. If it is necessary for parents to remain at STC during a junior coaching session only 1 person per participant is allowed to spectate off court and maintaining a social distance

**INTER-CLUB MATCH PLAY** – *(A separate protocol for limited spectators and match tennis ball and sanitiser provision is listed on our website under the PLAYER SAFETY/COVID page).*

**STAY AWAY** – If you develop symptoms of COVID-19: high temperature, continuous cough, loss/change of sense of smell/taste and follow the Government’s ‘test and trace’ guidelines, on the Gov.uk website.

**IF YOU CONTRACT COVID-19 AFTER ATTENDING STC, PLEASE CONTACT A STC COMMITTEE MEMBER.**

**AT RISK GROUP** – please keep to any specific government advice regarding your own underlying medical condition or for those living under the same roof.

**SELF-POLICING** – As a community sports club run by our many volunteers we are absolutely reliant on sensible self-policing to remain open. Thanks you.

Any queries about membership or booking, Claire’s number is 07577 040409 (outside school hours).