

Twickenham Lawn Tennis Club

Conditions for reopening in line with Government and LTA guidelines

The club will reopen from Saturday 16th May at 9am and will accommodate:

Singles play – from the same or mixed households

Doubles or American doubles play – from the same household only

One-on-one coaching sessions

All matches are by pre-arrangement and must be booked through Graham Gamble. No social play sessions will take place.

Booking procedure

- Courts will be available in 90 minute slots with a 10 minute turnaround time between slots
- Courts can be booked one week in advance by any member in line with the rules applying to their 2019/20 membership status
- Coaches have the right to book court 4 more than one week in advance
- Graham Gamble will circulate by email a spreadsheet with all courts available and requests for courts should be made directly to Graham
- Graham will allocate courts available on a first come first served basis
- Court 1 is to be used as an overflow court i.e. available slots on courts 2,3 and 4 need to be exhausted before it can be booked. This is to minimize the time when courts 1 and 2 are used simultaneously
- Whilst there is no formal limit being put on the number of bookings a member can make in a week, Graham will monitor usage to stop monopolization and therefore members are asked to be sensitive to the number of bookings requested
- No guests are allowed until further notice, but certain exceptions to this rule within households can apply at the discretion of the committee

Club amenities

The clubhouse will remain closed and therefore there will not be access to toilets, first aid kit or the defibrillator. This means:

- Members are attending the club at their own risk
- Sufficient water must be brought to the club for your refreshment. Do not use the tap by court 4
- No balls will be available on the day from club stocks

Exceptions

If a member is present that has a key then it is permissible to gain access in the case of:

- Emergency medical situations
- Desperate toiletry requirements

Coaches are allowed to access the clubhouse to retrieve essential equipment. On an occasional basis there will be exceptions to clubhouse access rules at the discretion of the committee.

Behaviour at club and conditions of play

- Nobody displaying symptoms of Coronavirus infection should be at the club
- Social distancing must be observed at all times
- Arrive for your court within 5 minutes of the start time, not before
- Leave your court promptly at the end of your session and leave the club directly
- The gates for courts 3, 4 and 5 must be left open during play. As the gates for courts 1 and 2 open inwards and will create a health hazard if left open they should be closed during play. The last player on every court at the end of the playing day should close the gate.
- Enter and leave courts 1 and 2 from their respective gates at the top of the club i.e. do not get to court 2 by entering the gate on court 1 nearest the club entrance and walk across or leave the club in the same way. The lower gate on court 1 should be left closed.
- No seats must be used. The benches on court will be upturned and should not be changed
- Refrain from touching anything other than your own possessions. This includes the net and posts.
- Opponents should set up each side of the net
- Change ends at the side you are set up
- Bring your own balls marked in a unique way (if you both have the same initials add something unique). You might like to confer with your opponent before playing, on the type of balls you will both be using to ensure consistency
- Never pick up anyone else's ball. Use your racket to pick up and return balls
- Definitely no handshakes, touching of elbows etc.
- It is advisable to bring hand sanitiser and use before you enter and on leaving the club

The experience of playing under these conditions will be monitored and as a result certain aspects might be changed, in particular booking arrangements after reviewing demand

We would encourage all members to familiarise themselves with the LTA guidance for tennis players available at this address:

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

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