

Tennis Play Can Resume - ULTC Member Update on Covid-19 (28th November 2020)

In line with recent advice from Government and the LTA (see link at the end of this document), we are pleased to inform members that the tennis courts will re-open from **Wednesday 2nd December 2020**.

Please note that the club is open **for play in line with the Government & LTA Guidelines**

Members will appreciate that, for the time being, the club will continue to operate under a special set of "Covid-19 arrangements" which are fluid, still expected to change in the coming weeks and very different to how the club normally functions.

Coming to/social distancing at the club

It is obviously crucial that members read and respect the LTA requirements and the arrangements in place at the club. Members must carefully consider these arrangements, alongside advice from Government concerning vulnerable groups & make their own judgments about whether they wish to play tennis. The club is doing everything it can to minimise risk, but there is no compulsion for members to come and play and we recognise that some will decide not to at this stage. Those members who choose to come to the club at this time, do so at their own risk.

From Wednesday 2nd December;

- The courts will be open for members to play, take individual lessons or play doubles in arranged groups between 8am to dusk.
- Members **must pre-book** courts to play – please **do not come to play without pre-booking** and please do not arrive at the club until approximately 5 mins from your booked court time (due to social distancing). Details on how to register for the new booking system are at the end of this document.
- Members will be able to book 120-minute slots for play, we ask members to leave the courts 10 minutes before their scheduled end time. Please take care in using the court number you have booked.
- **Existing members MAY now bring a guest during off peak hours at a cost of £5 per visit, payable via the ULTC website membership page. Members are responsible for ensuring visitors check in the venue with the NHS test and trace app.** Please note that usually there would be a limit to a non-member guest for a maximum of four visits with a paid member but during Covid times, the committee has decided to waiver this restriction for the time being.
- The player cabins will remain closed except for turning on floodlights and the main clubhouse will be closed outside of the published times. Toilet facilities are available every day except for Tuesday in the reception area – please ensure you follow the rules of masks.
- There is no access to first aid; we recommend that members bring their own basic first aid kit.
- Please bring your own hand sanitizer/wipes as there will be none available at the club.

Movement within the Club

On arrival and when on-site please observe the two metre rule.

If you arrive early, please **do not** make your way to the courts until a maximum of **5 minutes** before your confirmed start time, please **vacate** the courts **10 minutes** before your scheduled end time.

Please exit the same way you enter and **take extra care with social distancing**.

Always adhere to our standard court policy and wait to be invited to cross a court that is in use.

On Court Protocols

- Please place your bags away from opponents to ensure social distancing is maintained.
- Please avoid handshakes, keep your distance from your opponent and people on adjacent courts.
- Please bring your own balls.
- Please bring your own water – no drinking water will be available on site.
- We ask that you do not touch the net posts etc. The net has been set at the correct height therefore, no adjustment is needed and the winder has been removed.
- Spitting is strictly prohibited and no chewing gum on court.

Website Registration

- Go to the club website (www.uxbridgetennisclub.org.uk) and register yourself. You will find the register button at the top right of the home page.
- Once registered, click the membership tab on the home page, and select your relevant category. It may ask you to sign in with the details you have just created.
- Complete the form containing your personal details and click next once finished.
- On the payment page, select other payment option. **No payment will be taken.** The system will marry with your current membership status.

Booking System Use

- Ensure website and membership steps above have been completed.
- On the club website homepage, click the booking tab.
- You should then be able to view available slots. To book a slot, simply hover over your selected time and court and click. Here you will have an option to change your booking to a 90-minute slot.
- Click book now and your booking will be confirmed, and a confirmation email will be sent.

Floodlights

Tokens are available to purchase from Glenn, please contact him to arrange a convenient time to collect. £2.00 per half hour.

Full members can book 14 days in advance of their chosen slot. Off peak members 10 days in advance. Multi-Sport club members 7 days in advance.

We are very pleased to announce that we can now START playing tennis again! We trust that you will understand the need for these practices to continue and that we will all work together to stay alert to the dangers of the virus and to adhere to the guidelines to the best of our abilities. The aim of these protocols is to maximise the safety of members. What we cannot do, nor can being alert to the dangers of the virus do, is to guarantee personal safety. Therefore, all activity on site is entirely at a member's own risk.

For latest guidance please follow the LTA website link

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

The Committee – 28th November 2020

Please note, that all the above arrangements will be subject to ON-GOING review and consideration.