

Club Update 24 September 2020

Our energy and commitment for the following weeks is to keep the tennis club open for you all to come and play tennis, participate in coaching and workout in the gym, while also keeping our staff and coaches safe and able to work. We believe our priority is to enable people to continue to enjoy healthy activity for both mind and body.

I am not a doctor, scientist or politician and can only follow laws and guidelines from the Government, Sport England and our governing body, the LTA. Like everyone, we are just trying to do the best we can, making decisions to benefit the majority not the minority.

We have decided to put our plans to re-open the clubhouse and cafe with a small menu and reduced tables indoors on hold as we cannot safely do this and successfully operate the club.

As outdoor transmission is said to be minimal, the main advice is to get outside as much as possible when seeing other people.

Clubhouse

We have also decided that the number of people entering the club should still be kept to a minimal amount so as to reduce the risk of transmission. Therefore, the only reason for people to enter the club would be:

-  Use of toilets
-  Access to indoor courts (please use appropriate court door and keep socially distanced)
-  Access to shop
-  Takeaway drinks/cakes/snacks from the cafe
-  Parent/guardian/carer of disabled tennis player using any of the above

The changing rooms and showers are still not available.

We are still restricting the use of the upstairs balcony to staff and coaches (and Exhale clients) only.

Face coverings

[NEW] When entering the club, we would now ask that people wear face coverings. You do not need to wear face coverings when playing tennis.

[NEW] All people coming into the cafe to order will need to wear a face covering. Alternatively, you can place your order at reception for drinks/snacks etc.

NHS Test and Trace

To help with our existing track and trace, and now that the NHS app has gone live, you will find our QR codes displayed around the club for the following areas:

-  Outdoor courts
-  Indoor courts
-  Gym
-  Cafe and bar
-  Shop
-  Outdoor seating

Please scan the area that you use/are in.

Tennis Activity

Informal play (e.g. non club organised tennis) – This is limited to a maximum of six people by law.

Club organised outside play (e.g. coaching and club socials) – This is exempt to the limit of six.

Club organised indoor play for adults (e.g. coaching and club socials) – This can still take place in a large group but organised into sub-groups of six (not including the coach).

Club organised indoor play for children is unaffected by the changes.

Activity for disabled people can take place in any number.

For full updated LTA Guidance for Tennis Players in England Covid-19: Return to Play – Version 5.2 – Published 23 September please [click here](#).

Bookings

[REMINDER] All court bookings/coaching queries for reception must be done either by phone, email or via the office window and not through the door in the clubhouse. If you have been playing on the indoor courts, please exit the clubhouse and go to the window.

If you require floodlights please ask at reception - £6 per hour per court (no split payments).

Bar

From 8pm, any member who wants to have a drink from the bar can sit socially distanced at designated tables in the cafe area. The Hernaman Bar will stay closed. Drinks will be served from reception. Service will be table service in the cafe area and face coverings must be worn until seated. No more than six people per table.

Key points from the Government

Help Control the virus

To protect yourself and others, when you leave home you must:

-  **Wash hands – Keep washing your hands regularly**
-  **Cover face – Wear a face covering over your nose and mouth in enclosed spaces**
-  **Make space – Stay at least a metre away from people not in your household**
-  **If you are feeling unwell, get a test and do not leave home for at least 10 days**
-  **Do not come to the club if you or any member of your family is showing symptoms of Covid-19, are awaiting tests or have been told to self-isolate**
-  **If you have recently returned from a country on the quarantine list, please comply with government guidelines and do not attend the club until your quarantine period has finished**