

CANTERBURY TENNIS CLUB
STAY SAFE – PLAY SAFE
EMERGENCY CORONAVIRUS RULES from 14th September 2020

These rules have been drafted in accordance with the committee's coronavirus risk assessment. Please read the following information carefully.

It is imperative that these rules are adhered to in order that the club maintains its status as a Covid-19 secure venue.

PRE-ATTENDANCE SYMPTOM CHECK

- Anyone attending a venue (including players, coaches, staff and any other visitors), should undergo a pre-attendance self-assessment for any COVID- 19 symptoms using the information on the NHS website before leaving home.
- No-one should leave home to participate in tennis if they, or someone they live with, has symptoms of COVID -19, currently recognised as any of the following:
 - A high temperature
 - A new, continuous cough
 - A loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taster
- Should an individual have demonstrated any such symptoms, they must follow NHS and PHE guidance on self-isolation.

SOCIAL DISTANCING AND PRECAUTIONARY HYGIENE

The following social distancing rules must be maintained:

- Members must keep a two-metre distance from each other at all times (the only exceptions are for players who live in the same household).
- Members must wash (or sanitise) their hands on arrival at the tennis club;
- Do not share benches;
- Leave your bags distanced away from your partners' and opponents' bags;
- Players must change ends moving clockwise ie. at opposite ends of the net from each other;
- The use-of-own-ball protocol is still recommended (except where players are from the same household) however the LTA now permits sharing of balls as long as players take extra care not touch to their faces during play;
- Only use your own racquets and equipment;
- Do not shake hands, high five, elbow tap etc.;
- Do not sign the court booking confirmation book;
- Please bring your own sanitiser/ disinfectant wipes;
- Santiser and cleaning products should be available in the pavilion; please text/email Sharon if you find they have run out.
- Further information about playing tennis safely is available on <https://www.lta.org.uk/about-us/tennis-news/news-and-opinion/general-news/2020/march/coronavirus-covid-19---latest-advice/>

CLUB SESSIONS

Members must book onto Club Sessions in advance via the Mindbody website. The booking requirement ensures that the sessions meet the criteria of “an organised sports activity” and enables us to meet our “test and trace” obligations.

Booking information will be used for test and trace purposes and needs to be correct. If you are unable to attend you must cancel your booking, even if at the last minute. If too late, email Sharon (or Lina for juniors) so she can remove you from the list.

Not attending a session you are booked onto can leave other players without a partner. Failing to show up at sessions you are booked onto more than twice in one month will result in the committee implementing a one-month suspension of your rights to play in club sessions.

In order to minimise exposure to other players, we recommend partners are swapped only once in each club session.

SITTING COURTSIDE

Sitting courtside or on the patio is not permitted, except for:

- a parent/carer chaperoning a child who is playing (one only per child)
- match pairs who are waiting for the rest of their team to finish
- players who are signed up online for club sessions but are awaiting partners.

Anyone sitting courtside must maintain a 2m distance from others; groups must not outnumber 6.

Players and parent/carers must leave the court surroundings as soon as their session finishes and must not linger.

INFORMAL SOCIAL PLAY

You may book courts for both singles and doubles play. You must adhere to the law regarding group sizes of 6 people. This means you can play tennis, providing people only meet up with no more than 5 other people and observe social distancing guidelines.

BOOKING COURTS

Please be considerate about the amount of courts you book in any one week; if deemed excessive we may ask you to cancel a session in favour of a member who is struggling to find opportunities to play.

It is imperative that you cancel a court if you find you are unable to use it. Failing to show up to courts you have booked more than twice in one month will result in the committee implementing a one-month suspension of your rights to book courts.

USING YOUR COURT

Do not arrive more than 5 minutes early for your session. Keep your distance from outgoing/incoming players.

Courts must be dragged at the end of your session (unless you are in a vulnerable group and doing so could compromise your safety). Bring your own disposable gloves or use sanitiser and disinfectant as appropriate.

Floodlight tokens are available in the pavilion. Please sanitise your hands before and after handling the tokens.

PAVILION

Access to the pavilion is on a one-in-one-out basis. Usage is purely for washing of hands and access to emergency first aid equipment. Cleaning products will be left in the pavilion. You must clean door handles, taps etc, before you touch them. Make sure the cleaning products are left available for the next person. **Do not wait or linger in the pavilion or make yourself refreshments.** Please lock the pavilion if you are the last to leave.

Only use the TOILET if absolutely necessary and take particular care when doing so. If you or your child uses the toilet then clean it afterwards so that the room is safe for others.

Take all RUBBISH home with you. Do not leave hand towels or other rubbish in the pavilion bins.

GUESTS

Members are responsible for ensuring their guests obey the Covid-19 rules. Please note the same guest can play on the courts only 4 times in a calendar year (irrespective of which member invites them). Please transfer £5 for your guest immediately after play to 30-64-57 38637068 citing your guest name. We cannot accept cash payments at this time.

COMPETITIONS AND MATCHES

LTA approved competitions and team competitions can be played at the club as long as coaches and captains ensure they adhere to the LTA's guidance. All participants, including players, parents and organisers, must adhere to social distancing regulations. No match teas should be offered and teams may only use the pavilion to access the toilet.

COMPLIANCE AND REVIEW

Compliance with these rules is essential if Canterbury Tennis Club is to maintain its Covid-19 Secure Venue status. Members who are found not to be adhering to the social distancing measures or to the coronavirus emergency rules will be referred to the committee and may be asked to cease playing until restrictions are lifted. Serious misdemeanors will be referred to the committee in the usual way as described in the disciplinary section of the club rules.

Even strict adherence to these rules cannot guarantee non-exposure to coronavirus. Please consider carefully whether you are prepared to risk infection. Use of the tennis facilities is at each member's individual risk and the club is not liable for an infection caught while using the club facilities.

The committee will monitor the situation and will look to relax these restrictions when appropriate in accordance with LTA advice and the particular circumstances of Canterbury Tennis Club.

In the event that the committee deems tennis at Polo Farm not to be safe, the club will be closed with immediate effect.