



Tennis Activities during COVID-19, active from September 14th 2020

This policy will remain in effect for all use of Warwick Boat Club's Tennis and General Facilities until further notice. It will be superseded by a new policy only when the UK Government, LTA and WBC Directors are able to confirm it.

Changes to the Policy are highlighted below as "**NEW**" and "**UPDATED**".

General Health & Safety

- If you are unwell, under quarantine, or in any way unsure about your health, you should not use the Tennis Courts or come to the Club.
- **UPDATED:** Physical distancing should be maintained on-site by Members and Staff at all times. **Facemasks should be worn indoors, and all government requirements related to facemasks should be followed.**
- Hand sanitiser should be used when members enter the courts and before leaving the courts. Members are also advised to bring their own sanitisation equipment with them.
- Water is available only from the external tap on the WBC Clubhouse. Members are advised to bring their own water with them.
- **UPDATED:** Entrance Gates and other court surfaces (e.g. benches, net posts, net winders) will be regularly sanitised by WBC Grounds Staff. Members are advised to take due precautions in relation to all surfaces.
- First-Aid equipment is available without access to the clubhouse during the club's opening hours. See the signs displayed on-site.
- **NEW:** Per LTA and Government rules, social tennis is limited to a maximum of 6 people in a group. Organised tennis – e.g. mix-ins, group coaching, team practice – can have more than 6 people involved at WBC if the following rules are followed: all participants pre-register, all participants sign the track & trace forms, no socialising/mixing as a group larger than 6 people.

Tennis Rules

Tennis Court Availability

- Opening hours are 8am to 9:30pm Monday to Saturday, and 9am to 9:30pm on Sunday.
- All 11 tennis courts are fully available for use.
- As a general rule, Coaching will take place on courts 8, 9, 10 and 11. The club's policy is that at peak times no more than 2 courts can be used for Coaching, but at other times there may be more courts in use for Coaching.
- Court 11 is considered the court that Members most concerned about Shielding should use. If you are not concerned, please do not book this court and leave it available for others. However, if it is the only court available, it can be booked by any member. Court 11 will be used for some Individual Lessons.

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Tennis Court Bookings

- Courts can be booked at any time for up to a maximum of 90 minutes. Members are able to make one booking per day.
- Courts can be booked up to 7 days in advance.
- **NEW:** Floodlights are fully available and are paid for at the Bar.

NEW: Tennis Mix-Ins

- Mix-Ins take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- To attend Mix-In, Members must pre-book online on the ClubSpark system.
- WBC staff/volunteers will group 4 players together.
- Members must play in their organised 4.
- WBC will operate a waiting list for Mix-Ins once the full capacity is reached.

NEW: Track & Trace

- When booking a court, the Member who makes the booking should register the names of their playing partners to support WBC's Track & Trace obligations.
- If the name of the playing partners are not known at the time of the booking, the names will need to be added before the court is used. Due to system limitations this will require the booking Member to cancel their booking and immediately re-book the court in order to add the names of playing partners.

NEW: Tennis for Non-Members

- Non-Members can come to WBC as a guest of another Member up to 6 times per year. They must be booked in online and the fee of £6 must be paid.
- Non-Members can have Individual Coaching Lessons at WBC up to 6 times. WBC Coaches are responsible for paying the appropriate guest fees and for supervising the non-member.
- Non-Members can participate in Group Coaching courses for a single Coaching season (e.g. Winter, Spring, Summer). To continue with Group Coaching they must then become a club Member.

Tennis Court Use

- The following are permitted
 - o Singles play
 - o Doubles play
 - o Individual lessons (1 to 1)
 - o Hitting against the WBC wall on Court 5
 - o Serving practice if ball count is limited (please be mindful to limit the spread of served balls on to neighbouring courts)
 - o **UPDATED:** Club-organised Mix-ins, which will require on-line booking in order to attend and which will be supervised to apply all LTA and UK government safety protocols.
 - o **UPDATED:** Group Coaching per LTA guidelines (Tennis Manager to oversee).
- The following are not yet permitted
 - o Mix-ins that are individually-organised
 - o Use of the Ball Machine
- Young people below 6th form age must be accompanied by an adult.

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- Balls should be clearly marked for individual use, and players should only handle balls that are marked for them. Otherwise, players should return balls to others by using their racquets or feet.
- People must vacate their court 5 minutes before the end of their allotted time.
- People should not arrive more than 5 minutes in advance of their Court Booking.

Court Attire

- Recognised Tennis Attire should be worn when playing tennis. For children, PE kit is acceptable. Please refrain from wearing non-tennis attire such as jeans or cut-off shorts, or general casual wear.

Guidance to Parents

- Children younger than School 6th Form age must be accompanied while using WBC courts, unless they are involved in an Individual Lesson with a WBC Registered Coach.
- All other rules apply as stated above.

Further LTA Guidance to Players and Coaches

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