

Warwick Boat Club Tennis Section POLICY



Tennis Court Access during COVID-19, active from July 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 It will be superseded by a new policy only when the UK Government, LTA and WBC Directors are able to confirm it.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.
- Physical distancing should be maintained on-site by Members and Staff at all times.
- Hand sanitiser stations have been set up around the tennis courts. They 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.
- Entrance Gates and other court surfaces (e.g. net posts) 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.

General Facilities

- **UPDATED:** The clubhouse is still closed for general access.
- Use of barbeques, table tennis, and other general club facilities is not permitted.
- The toilets are available, but the showers are not to be used.
- **UPDATED:** The car park is open from 9am (Mon-Sat) and 9:30am (Sun) until 9pm.
- Parking on-site, with access via Banbury Road, is ONLY for Coaches, Staff and Disabled Members.
- **UPDATED:** There is no pedestrian access via the driveway from Mill Street.
- **UPDATED:** The bar is open from 5pm to 9pm each day, for players only.
- **NEW:** Use of the WBC Club bar is available only to those members who have been to the club to participate in their sport. All social distancing and hygiene measures are required at all times.
 - o We strongly request all members to support this policy in order to limit exposure to infections. The Club's General Committee is monitoring bar usage and may consider closing the bar if risks are deemed to be unsatisfactorily high.

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.

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- 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.
- Floodlights are not available while the clubhouse is closed.

Tennis Court Bookings

- **UPDATED:** Courts can be booked at any time for up to a maximum of 90 minutes. Members are able to make one booking per day. This is a return to our normal booking practices.
- Courts can be booked up to 7 days in advance.

Tennis Court Use

- The following are permitted
 - o Singles play
 - o Doubles play
 - o Individual lessons (1 to 1)
 - o Lessons with up to 3 Adults or 4 Juniors on a single court
 - 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
- The following are not yet permitted
 - o Group Coaching
 - 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.
- Gates to courts should be opened and closed with due care given this involves touching a surface. Members are advised to use sanitisers after touching any surface.
- Net heights will be routinely checked by Grounds Staff or Coaches on all bookable courts.
- Removable on-court equipment, e.g. benches, will be removed until further notice.
- 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.

Access for Guests

- **UPDATED:** Guest access is allowed per the normal Policy (i.e. up to 6 visits per year).
- **NEW:** Members must pay for their Guests through Clubspark, using a debit or credit card. As guests are attending to play Tennis, Members must book a 90-minute court slot and pay £6.00 for their Guest.

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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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