

LINKSIDE LTC

Lobster Elite 2 Ball Machine Rules

1. Terms & Conditions

- a. At least one of the users must have attended the User Tutorial
- b. The ball machine must **never** be used in the **rain** or **damp** (i.e. the court must be **dry**) conditions as wet balls may cause excessive wear on the motor, jam and/or cause the machine to behave erratically.
- c. Users must comply with the following health and safety rules
 - i. Never move in front of the ball machine whilst it is switched on
 - ii. Switch off machine while reloading hopper
 - iii. Do not use your hands to unblock the machine whilst it is turned on
 - iv. Do not handle electrical equipment with wet hands
 - v. Never ever aim the machine at a player
 - vi. No more than 4 players on court at any one time
- d. Bookings can only be made within normal playing times
- e. Bookings will be charged at £8 per hour
- f. Bookings to be no less than an hour and a maximum of two
- g. Bookings to be made at least 24hours in advance
- h. Bookings can only be made via Clubspark and/or the Linkside website by Linkside Members
- i. Bookings can only be made by members over 18 years old
- j. Bookings may be subject to cancellation at short notice due to maintenance issues
- k. After receiving the booking confirmation, please forward your booking confirmation email to Graham to get the padlock code for the shed
- l. Equipment must be checked before and after use
- m. Usage **will be verified via CCTV camera**
- n. Members that fail to attend the booking session shall not be entitled to a refund, credit, or a rescheduled booking.
- o. At the discretion of the Ball Machine Supervisor refunds or credits can be made to members that have had to cancel bookings due to weather conditions not permitting play
- p. The ball machine must not be used with balls other than those provided
- q. Any damage to the machine or ancillary equipment be reported immediately to Ball Machine Supervisor (Graham Lavender) via email or WhatsApp
- r. Machine to be placed on charge after use and shed secured
- s. Ball machine never to be taken off-site (except for repair and maintenance)
- t. After use, users will agree to collect all balls in the hopper and place in the shed along with the machine with the hopper cover inverted and on charge (battery charge should last 4-8 hours depending on usage)
- u. Failure to comply with these terms and conditions may lead to a ban on use and/or further disciplinary procedures

2. Advice

- a. Members are advised to check that the ball machine and courts are available before making the booking

- b. To avoid interrupting other members games, if possible, please try to book court 1 or on a court without an adjacent booking.
- c. To avoid disappointment members are **strongly advised** to check the **weather forecast** for the day of booking
- d. Members that book must agree to the club's terms and conditions

3. Set-Up

- a. Set up machine 1.5m to 2 meters behind the centre mark of the baseline
- b. Remove grey cover and invert grey hopper on top of base unit
- c. Use the standard settings to program the machine
- d. Test speed and trajectory by using 6 -8 balls
- e. Aim for the ball to land mid-way between the service and baseline
- f. Make appropriate adjustments then fill the machine hopper with balls