

Covid-19 Playing Rules at Linkside Lawn Tennis Club

General Rules and use of the Clubhouse

1.The Clubhouse, bar and toilets will remain open (although the bar will close if we are designated as Very High Risk, Tier Three). We are able to keep these facilities open because we are strictly adhering to the LTA and Government Covid-19 Secure Guidelines.

2.Additional Clubhouse guidelines:

- a) Whilst food and drink can now be purchased in the Clubhouse when the bar is open (usually during social play), where possible you are requested to consume what you have purchased outside, and at all times observe social distancing.
- b) As we have no designated tables, we will operate as a bar order takeaway service for food/drink to be consumed off or on the premises. Only one person at a time should be at the bar counter and members should wear a face covering when making their order.
- c) Those serving behind the bar should wear a face covering or visor and the bar will close by 10pm.
- d) Those resting in the Clubhouse should also wear face coverings, this does not apply to those actually eating/drinking or those moving through the clubhouse to the changing rooms
- e) Other than those serving behind the bar and the coaches, the maximum number of people to be allowed in the Clubhouse at any time is 7 people, please wait outside the clubhouse if necessary.
- f) If you develop symptoms after you have been at the club and have reason to believe you may have had Covid-19 when you attended the club, please inform the club as soon as possible so that the club can contact other members (email Info@linksidetennis.co.uk). Please follow Government Guidelines with respect to self-isolation and testing.
- g) Please observe the 1m+ social distancing rule, including leaving space between yourself and other people in any queues.
- h) Please stand behind the line marked on the floor in front of the bar when ordering.
- i) Chairs will be placed so as to maintain the 1m+ social distancing rule to the extent possible. Please do not move them.
- j) Whilst the club and area is designated as High or Very High Risk (Tier Two or Three), there is to be no Darts, Pool or Table Tennis.
- k) The showers are to be used only if absolutely necessary.
- l) During social play, those not playing should remain socially distanced and groups of people must be restricted to discrete six person gathering limits and spread out, in line with government social distancing guidance. However:
 - a. **Under High Risk (Tier 2)**, people must not socialise with anybody outside of their household or support bubble indoors (i.e. inside the clubhouse). People must not socialise in a group of more than six outside.
 - b. **Under Very High Risk (Tier 3)**, people must not socialise with anybody outside of their household or support bubble indoors (i.e. inside the clubhouse) or outside, except if they are playing tennis.
- m) Please be patient with bar staff and other members as this is new for us all!

3.Club Social Tennis is now allowed, all social distancing rules to be followed. In addition, for all Social Play sessions, Members and Guests must scan in using the NHS Covid-19 App (QR codes for scanning can be found at the entrance and next to the bar), or enter their details (arrive and leave times) in the log book which will be kept in the Club House, it is imperative that all players scan in

using the NHS App or enter their details into this log-book (please wipe clean the pen/pencil used before and after use). This is a Government requirement to aid tracking if somebody develops Covid-19, we must keep peoples' details for 21 days by law.

4. Informal Social Play where players arrange themselves a court or courts is limited to 6 people from Monday 14th the September 2020.

4. Book using the app. Please do not come unless you have a court booked in advance (except for the Programmed Social Play Sessions).

5. Please do not attend with non-players, only parents, guardians or carers are allowed.

6. Please bring hand-sanitizer and use it both before and after you play.

7. Whilst it is no longer a requirement, you may still wish to serve and handle only your own named balls. In any case, you should avoid picking up the balls (unless you are serving), and also avoid touching your face with your hands.

8. At change of end rotate clockwise around the court.

9. Keep your bags, drinks etc. in different locations of the court, separated by at least 2 metres.

10. If playing on artificial clay courts (courts 6 & 7), please do not brush the courts, the coaches will take care of this regularly.

11. Avoid touching court gates, fences, etc. if you can. Do not adjust the net (the handles have been removed and the net height regularly checked). Leave the gates un-bolted during and between play.

12. Please do not use the seats on the Courts, these have been temporarily decommissioned. If using the tables/chairs in front of the Clubhouse, please avoid touching them with your hands. Please take any rubbish you have away with you.

13. If after visiting the Club you develop any of the Covid-19 symptoms, you must follow the Governments 'Test and Trace' Guidelines and alert the club by emailing Info@linksidetennis.co.uk

Court Bookings

1. You and your opponent must be members to book and play for free. Don't forget that you can find out other members' contact details on Membership Mojo. The member booking should confirm their opponent is a current member, and if they are not, make a payment of the guest fee via BACS at the time of booking or by booking the first part of your session in the name of the guest and paying the guest fee on line, with the remaining part of the booking in your name (a maximum of two visits per guest per membership year is allowed before they should join).

2. A court **MUST** be booked using the ClubSpark app **before** arrival (refer to the club email sent on March 21st for details, the App can be found on the Google Play or Apple app store) or by using the booking form on the club website (under playing tennis – book a court). When you arrive or after your booked allocation, if there are other courts free and there is a gap of no more than 15mins, you can play on that court. You may wish to book any follow-on session or risk losing the court to somebody else booking, normal booking regulations apply.

3. Courts can be booked between 8am-10pm Monday – Sunday, other than when undergoing maintenance, or if they are blocked out for Social Play.

4.Courts can be booked in 15-minute slots.

5.Each Linkside member can book a maximum of 6 sessions, of up to 3 hours each, in any two-week period and is able to book a maximum of 14 days in advance. Please note cancelled bookings are treated by the software as included in this allowance. Also note Family memberships will have this same allocation for each member of the family.

6.The bookings will be voided if the member is later than 15 minutes from the allotted start time. However, be aware that if you vacate your allotted court, your original booking is voided and the court becomes available for someone-else to use.

7.Coaches have the authority to ask you to move courts.

Social Distancing Regulations

1.We ask members to refrain from physical contact of any kind. No shaking of hands etc.

2.Pass around the Clubhouse in a clockwise fashion, so when you arrive you pass by Court 1 and when you leave, you leave on the opposite side of the Clubhouse by the lake.

2.Bring a full bottle of water and do not share equipment, food or drink.

3.Maintain the appropriate social distance at all times.

4.If others have played before you, please allow them to leave the court before you enter.

5.Do not play if you are self-isolating and please ensure that you catch coughs and sneezes in tissues – Follow Catch it, Bin it (at home), Kill it and avoid touching face, eyes, nose or mouth with unclean hands. Follow current Government Advice.

6.Members should be aware that undertaking any activity, including tennis, has the potential for increased risk of transmission of COVID-19, and all attendees should read the Government's guidance on staying safe outside your home

All Members of the Club are responsible for ensuring these rules are followed and the Committee will conduct regular checks to verify this. Members breaching any of the social distancing or court booking guidelines may be asked to vacate the premises. Persistent offenders will be subject to the Club's disciplinary procedures. If you have concerns about being able to make a booking, or about members not adhering to these regulations, then please make contact with the Club by email Info@linksidetennis.co.uk

Please note, if you have a guest player, then payment should be made by the on-line booking system, however, until this system is able to take payments, then please pay by BACS to Barclays, Sort Code 20-52-74 Account number 50586498, using Payment ref: 'Guest 'Guest Initials''. So if the guest name is Pat Smith, the reference entered on the BACs should be 'Guest PS'.

On behalf of the committee, enjoy your tennis and stay safe!

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