

Bishopthorpe Tennis Club

Procedure for accessing the club's tennis courts

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Introduction

The COVID pandemic unfortunately resulted in the Bishopthorpe Tennis Club being closed for several weeks. But with the government's recent guidelines easing restrictions further, this allows Bishopthorpe Tennis Club to not only keep open but also to now allow doubles play. However, this can only be permitted if the following principles are adhered to by all members.

In developing this procedure, the club has taken advice from the LTA's guidance for players and venues; these can be accessed through the LTA web site.

To play at Bishopthorpe Tennis Club, you must be a member and have paid your membership fees for this year.

Social Distancing

It is expected that all members of the club adhere to the government's guidelines.

The following principles will be followed:

- Players should try to remain a minimum of 2 metres apart wherever possible, but one metre distancing is permitted where this is required.
- If a decision is taken to swap ends this must be done one on each side of the courts.
- No shaking of hands will be permitted or expected.
- To ensure there is adequate social distancing at the entrance, the players coming onto the court will wait on the grassed area for the players currently using the court to vacate the club facilities.
- The clubhouse can now be accessed for drinks etc. but members should adhere to the principle of only ONE member in the clubhouse at any one time.
- The kitchen area should be wiped down and all crockery and cutlery thoroughly washed, dried, and put away if used.
- The toilet can now be used, but it is expected that members will clean this after each use. Members are asked to bring their own towel.
- The middle court can now be used.

Booking of courts

- All three courts can now be booked.
- Only advanced booking will be permitted. This can be done through the following webpage:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BishopthorpeTennisClub/Booking/Bookings>

- Bookings can be up to 1.5 hours.
- However, if the court is free and no other players have booked to use the facility, then the court can be used for longer than the booked period.

- If you have booked a court and then can no longer play, please cancel it so it is available for others.

Personal responsibilities

- Even if a court is booked, if a player begins to feel unwell prior to attending the club venue they **MUST** not enter the courts and are expected to return home.
- No player is permitted to play within 7 days of first experiencing COVID related symptoms or only when they no longer have symptoms (if this is greater than 7 days).
- If a member of their household reports COVID related symptoms, players are not permitted on the court for the following 14 days from the day of the first symptoms of the member of their household.
- Members are expected to wash their hands before they arrive and again when returning home.
- There should be access to hand sanitiser for use at the club. But is still advisable that members bring their own hand sanitiser and apply to their hands prior to entering onto the courts and when leaving the court area.
- It is highly recommended that players do not touch their face whilst playing tennis to minimise the opportunities to get infected.

Cleaning

- Players are asked to bring their own wipes/paper towels and disinfectant with them when planning to use the venue.
- At the end of the session players will wipe down all door handles and other surfaces they have touched.

Equipment

- Players do not now need to use their own clearly marked tennis balls – however, if you choose to use shared balls then extra care must be taken to ensure you do not touch your face during play, and you should clean your hands before play and immediately after finishing (or use alcohol gel)
- The height of the net should not be altered– it should be left at the correct height.
- **The clubhouse and courts should be locked after use**, if you are the last person to leave. [Check that those who are there have keys to lock up]

Communication

- Posters will be displayed within the club grounds to remind players what is expected.
- If a Member does not adhere to the above principles one of the Committee will speak to the person and explain what is expected and the reasons for this.
- If they continue not to adhere to these principles the Member will be spoken to and given a warning.
- If a player continues to refuse to adhere to these principles their right to access the court will be removed and it will be requested that any court keys are returned.

This procedure will be reviewed regularly and when there are changes which need to be communicated to club members.

Bishopthorpe Tennis Committee
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