



Procedures for playing tennis at Moor Park Lawn Tennis Club

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General Information

The LTA have published an update for their guidance to venues under Covid-19 restrictions. We set out below the latest arrangements for tennis at Moor Park with the recent changes highlighted.

Please be aware that as a club affiliated to the LTA we are bound to follow their guidance and the restrictions are imposed by them and not simply by your committee. Failure to follow LTA guidelines could result in serious implications for the club.

Our priority is to create a safe environment for members, coaches and staff and we are therefore implementing new rules for attending the club and playing until we are able to return to normal.

Whilst we are endeavouring to make the club as safe as possible, it is up to members to decide whether to attend the club after considering their own circumstances and at their own risk, as undertaking any activity, including tennis, has the potential for increased risk of transmission of COVID-19.

Please limit interactions with anyone outside of the group that you are attending the venue with (e.g. players on another court or in a different coaching group), and you should continue to maintain social distancing.

All activity should be consistent with the government guidance regarding health, travel, social distancing and hygiene at all times.

We have agreed that Members may invite visitors. Members should only invite their guests for fixed fours and not introduce them into member organised sessions. Direct payment is required to the Moor Park bank account:

Sort Code: 20-92-94
A/C Code: 00180556

Please identify your payment, if banking online, as 'Tennis guest'. Charges are: Monday – Thursday £5, Friday and Weekend £10.

All courts must be booked via the ClubSpark booking system. Please refer to the 'Tennis Court Online Booking System' document. There will be no turn up and play courts, so please do not attend the club if you do not have a booking. **To support NHS 'Test and Trace', organisers of club sessions will continue to keep a temporary record of all those on site for 21 days.**

Before playing it is the individual member's responsibility to read thoroughly the LTA guidelines for tennis players on their website. Perhaps the most helpful information is provided in the FAQ section of the website.

Please also read the signs provided by MPGC positioned at the entrance gates. Full compliance with this advice is required from all members.

Procedures

Do not come to the club if unwell. If someone develops symptoms of COVID-19, you are directed to follow the Government's 'test and trace' guidelines, which can be read on the Gov.uk website

Please use the hand sanitizers available outside the Pavilion and by our Mansion and Garden grass courts and the multiple locations in the Mansion. Please also wash your hands in the toilet facilities available, as this is still the best way to mitigate the risk.

All 13 courts are now available for play, seven grass and six hard courts. If the court you have booked is occupied, please inform those playing that you are waiting to play and wait in your car or observing social distancing until the appointed time.

The gates will be left open and you should avoid touching them.

Singles and doubles can now be played with people from different households, and our social tennis can resume as long social distancing guidelines are adhered to and Moor Park follow COVID-19 Secure guidelines.

Supporters, parents, and other spectators should remain socially distanced whilst visiting Moor Park. Spectator groups must be restricted to discrete six person gathering limits.

If a junior member wishes to play singles with another junior member, an adult from one of the players' households must be present. Attendance of a carer for a disabled player (non-participant) is also permitted, but they and any accompanying parents should remain off court and be limited to one per player where possible. Social distancing should be strictly observed while watching the sessions.

Players are advised to bring their own equipment - however, use of communal rackets can be done subject to thorough cleaning measures between use.

Players providing their own marked balls is no longer required. Players can however continue to use this approach if they wish to. Where players choose to use shared tennis balls, extra care must be taken to ensure they do not touch their face during play, and they should clean their hands before play and immediately after finishing (use alcohol gel if required). Players should still avoid using their hands to pick up tennis balls from other courts where possible - use a racquet/foot to return them.

The nets will be measured to the correct height so you should avoid touching the winders.

You may change ends between games by changing at opposite sides of the court, allowing for social distancing.

Leave your tennis bags on opposite ends of the court and do not use the benches.

The Mansion Clubhouse is now open and, therefore, there will be toilet facilities and drinking water available from here. For the time being, the Chief Executive has asked that the Pavilion remain closed, as at present Moor Park can control matters by keeping two toilet areas regularly cleaned.

Our emergency first aid equipment is kept in the West course Halfway House. Should you require first aid, the trained staff are: Jose Castano, Pawel Gornicki, Tom Dell or Magnus Saunders

Nigel Buckman, our Head Coach, will arrange coaching for individuals. Please contact him directly on 07836 332 855

Tennis coaching sessions for children are now possible for group sizes of no more than 15, plus coach(es). Coached sessions for adults remain possible for group sizes of up to 6, including coach(es).

The club will monitor all LTA and government advice and amend the club's regulations, as necessary. However, if you have questions or if any member sees anything of concern on the courts please ring Alister Heaphy on 01923 710413.

To keep the courts open, the full cooperation of all members is essential.

In the event of thunder and lightning, all players must suspend play immediately. At present, between 8am – 4pm a member of staff, from the Mansion, will sound the klaxon (one long blast) to suspend play. Two short blasts will indicate it is safe to resume play.

Thank you for your support and enjoy your tennis!

Alister Heaphy
Tennis Chairman on behalf of the Tennis Committee

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