

Lympstone Tennis Club – New Rules in response to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Dear Members,

In accordance with the latest UK Government guidelines and following the recommendations of the LTA guidelines, **we have updated our policy to take effect from Wednesday 3rd June 2020.**

We have outlined a set of new rules below which we ask everyone to follow. Given the rapidly changing nature of coronavirus, we reserve the right to change these rules to ensure we are conforming to guidelines provided by the UK Government and the LTA.

Protecting the health and safety of our members is our highest priority. Please follow the rules below and if you have any problems then let the club secretary (Liz Griffith, liz@claylane.com) know immediately.

New Rules (implemented with immediate effect and until further notice)

1. No one is permitted to use the courts if they have any of the symptoms of coronavirus (new continuous cough and/or high temperature) and should not use the courts for 14 days from the first symptoms.
2. People who are at increased risk of severe illness from coronavirus are strongly advised not to use the courts (see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing>).
3. The club is not hosting any club or group activities, including team matches, cardio tennis, etc.
4. Members use the tennis courts at their own risk and should closely follow guidelines on the gov.uk webpages on coronavirus and social distancing as well as the LTA guidelines for players: <https://www.lta.org.uk/globalassets/news/2020/lta-guidance-for-tennis-players---covid-19.pdf>
5. The clubhouse is not available for any purposes (e.g. floodlights, toilets, store room, etc.).
6. No physical contact should be made between players (including handshaking) and players should keep at a safe distance from others.
7. Members should stringently follow the gov.uk handwashing and respiratory hygiene general principles (see link above). As the clubhouse is not available members will have to make their own arrangements for hand washing.
- 8. Tennis will be strictly limited to a maximum of 4 players on each court at any time and 8 players within the court enclosure.**
9. To support our coaches they will be given priority over the use of Court 2 (the court furthest from the entrance gate) for one-to-one private coaching sessions between 10am and 4pm on weekdays and before 10am at weekends - this court should be vacated for the use of the coaches should this be required. These sessions will be privately organised and are not club organised activities.
10. Court use will be for current members only and no guests will be allowed at this time to prioritise our existing members.
11. Players should aim to start their sessions on the hour and to play for an hour maximum if others are waiting to allow as many members as possible to benefit from use of the courts.

Thank you for your understanding during this difficult time.

Lympstone Tennis Club Committee