



# BOURNE CLUB

## COVID-19 RESPONSE MEMBER INFORMATION

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This policy comes into effect from Monday 1 June 2020. It has been produced in line with the Government announcement on Thursday 28 May on the easing of lockdown restrictions and guidance from the relevant NGB (LTA ES and BE)

# OUTDOOR TENNIS COURTS

## 1. FACILITIES

- Five OUTDOOR courts are open for Members, bookable in hourly slots apart from the first booking on courts 1 & 2, which is 1.5 hours
- Lights will be switched on by a member of staff in the evening; there is no access to the lounge
- Handwashing facilities are available adjacent to courts 1 & 2, please observe social distancing rules (2m)
- **[NEW]** The clubhouse closed
  - NO toilet facilities are available - (Under review)
  - The gym is closed
  - The sports hall is closed
  - The CafeBar is closed
- **[NEW]** Squash courts are close
- First Aid and the defibrillator are available from the wooden hut outside the gym door, adjacent to courts 1 & 2
- Tennis balls are available to purchase and are placed in the side entrance to the Club. These are available on an honesty basis and we ask Members to follow the instructions placed with the balls

## 2. COURT ACCESS

- All OUTDOOR courts will open from 7am, giving Members an extra hour of play early in the morning. NO other facilities will be open.
- In order to play Members must be:
  - A tennis playing Member of The Bourne Club, or a Member's guest
  - Have a court booked
  - Not be in self-isolation
  - Not be displaying Covid-19 symptoms
- Guest fees have currently been waived for household members to play together

### 3. BOOKING COURTS AND ARRIVAL AT THE CLUB

- Members must book a court in advance of arriving at the Club
- Availability of courts will continue as previously, with the additional 7am bookings
- Please arrive at the Club in time for your booking
- Entrance to the Courts is via the side gate
- Observe social distancing rules (2m)
- You DO NOT need to log in when you arrive at the Club; there is no access to the lounge

### 4. USING THE COURTS

- **[NEW]** Both singles play and doubles play is now permitted with people from outside of your household, as long as you remain 2 metres apart as far as possible – meaning that four people from different households can now play doubles
- **[NEW]** Stay at least two metres away from other players (including during play, when taking breaks and before and after play)
  - Do not make physical contact with other players (such as shaking hands or high five)
  - Avoid chasing the ball down to another court if other players are using it
  - **[NEW]** For doubles, consider agreeing in advance which player will take the shot if a ball travels to the centre of the court
  - For coached sessions, pay careful attention to the instructions of the coach
- Please respect Members playing on adjacent courts and observe social distancing rules (2m) at all times
- Please allow players sufficient space to vacate a court before entering
- Players should bring their own equipment; it is advised to avoid the use of communal rackets or tennis balls (new balls available for purchase as detailed above)
- Members playing on the clay courts are asked to drag the court as per current Club policy; please wash your hands before and after doing so

- As recommended by the LTA unnecessary equipment and items have been removed from courts (i.e. benches). Personal equipment should be placed at the side of the court next to the entrance.
- **Coaching**
  - **[NEW]** Individual lessons are allowed. Please contact Alex Fricker for further information  
[HeadcoachAFTennis@gmail.com](mailto:HeadcoachAFTennis@gmail.com)
  - **[NEW]** Group coaching for Juniors and Adults – watch this space
- Club sessions are not currently available for Members
- The Club will not cancel or refund any court bookings at this time due to inclement weather. If you are unable to play, for whatever reason, we suggest you cancel the court to allow another Member to book. If another Member does book you will receive a credit for your cancellation.

## 5. LEAVING THE CLUB

- All social spaces remain closed and we ask Members to leave the Club via the side gate in a timely manner after their game
- Observe social distancing rules at all times (2m)
- Handwashing facilities are available prior to exiting

## 6. COMMUNICATION AND CHANGES

- All measures put in place to enable tennis activity to be resumed have the capability of being flexed or changed quickly if tighter movement/social distancing is reintroduced in the future or when the restrictions are further relaxed
- We will communicate with Members in a timely manner with updates as necessary. However, if you wish to contact a member of staff, please email [information@bourneclub.co.uk](mailto:information@bourneclub.co.uk) The telephones remain unmanned at this time