

# **Mackintosh LTC – Return to Tennis** **Safety Measures & Rules**

**\*\*IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY\*\***  
**RULES FOR PLAYING TENNIS AT THE CLUB – AS OF 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2020**

If you would like to play tennis at the club, we politely ask **ALL** people using the club to watch this safety video ([click here](#)) **AND** read the following rules we have put in place (**N.B. these rules will change based on the latest guidelines from the government/national governing bodies – and will be communicated with members via email and social media**).

**PLEASE STAY AT HOME IF YOU OR ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAVE ANY OF THE CORONAVIRUS SYMPTOMS!!**

## **Before arriving at the club**

1. To access the courts all members must have paid their membership fees for the 2020/21 membership year.
2. All courts must be booked online in advance at: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/mackintoshlta/Booking>

**DO NOT TURN UP AT THE CLUB IF YOU HAVEN'T BOOKED A COURT!!**

3. **STRICTLY NO SPECTATORS ALLOWED – A MAXIMUM OF 1 PARENT/GUARDIAN MAY WATCH OR SUPERVISE WHILST YOUR CHILD PLAYS.**
4. Please bring one tube of tennis balls (per household) with your initials clearly marked on the balls. We are selling tubes of tennis balls at £7 per tube.
5. Please bring a full drinks bottle with plenty of fluids to keep you hydrated whilst you play – for clarity there will be no access to water at the club.
6. Please come dressed ready to play – the changing rooms are currently closed.

## **Upon arrival at the club**

1. **PLEASE ARRIVE NO MORE THAN 5 MINUTES BEFORE YOUR BOOKING.**
2. Please park in the car park away from other cars (if possible). Bikes can be pushed around the building (next to the bowling green) and locked on the fences outside of the tennis courts.

3. Please follow the path around the building (next to the bowling green). There will be **NO** access through the building to the tennis courts.
4. Please give way to members leaving the club if you meet anyone on the path.
5. Please use the hand sanitiser on the picnic tables (please use your own if you have any).
6. Please follow the one-way system around the central area and wait outside of the court (behind the 2m social distancing lines) you have booked until the previous members have left the court.

### During Play

1. Only singles or doubles (with members of your own household or a maximum of one other household).
2. Please use your own rackets – **NO** sharing equipment.
3. If playing with others from a different household, please only serve using your **OWN** tennis balls. Your opponents' tennis balls should be returned to them without handling.
4. Benches have been removed to ensure no sitting down at the change of ends.
5. When changing ends, please change at the opposite side to your opponent (if possible) or ensure safe social distancing is maintained.
6. If you need to use the toilet – we will only have access to the disabled toilet. Please only use if essential. Please use the hand sanitiser before and after using the toilet.

**N.B. although the building should only be accessed for use of the disabled toilet, in case of emergency, the defibrillator will still be easily accessible.**

### After Play

1. Please do not start any new games within 10 minutes before your booking is due to end – **players will need finish at least 5 minutes before the booking is due to end** - to allow enough time to leave the courts on time if other members are waiting for their court booking.
2. Please collect your equipment and litter which should be taken home with you.
3. Please leave the courts immediately after you finish playing – respecting the social distancing rules with any members waiting outside the courts & following the one-way system to leave the club.

4. Please **DO NOT** stay around the outside of the courts socialising – we pride ourselves on being a very sociable family-friendly club, but in this instance we politely request you to leave the club immediately after you finish playing.