



Oakwood Tennis Club's plan to Covid-19 in conjunction with
LTA and UK Government guidelines



Opening up to restricted tennis: Operation protocols and Rules for Members (following LTA & UK Government guidelines issued 12.05.20)

These rules and procedures have been implemented to ensure that we can get back to playing tennis in a safe and considerate way. We have been given the opportunity to get back to the sport that we love and we must all embrace it whilst being respectful and considerate of the wider Covid-19 situation.

Committee communications:

- 1) Email- advising of imminent opening up and new rules in force- **Issued via email 12 May 2020**
- 2) Video of how to safely enter, how to move around, facilities and rules- **Available on Website and Facebook page from Wednesday 20.05.20**
- 3) Email of rules, pre-requisite information and request acknowledgement emails- **Issued via email 17 May 2020**

Booking ability for members will be on hold on Clubspark until:

- 1) Membership fees paid
- 2) Email acceptance of new rules received from member

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Pre-requisite player condition-

All players planning to come to Oakwood to play tennis **must be fit and healthy!!**

DO NOT COME TO OAKWOOD IF:

- 1) YOU HAVE ANY COVID-19 SYMPTOMS (NEW OR PERSISTENT COUGH, HIGH TEMPERATURE)**
- 2) ANY MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAVE SHOWN SIGNS OF COVID-19 SYMPTOMS WITHIN LAST 14 DAYS**
- 3) YOU HAVE ANY FRAILTIES THAT COULD RESULT IN FALLS OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT (NHS IS CURRENTLY BUSY!)**

Preparing to play-

- 1) Book your court time, but please do not book more than the permitted weekly times- **90mins court time is maximum permitted per day and maximum of 2 bookings per week** (this will be reviewed after 1 week of play to ensure all members are getting a fair amount of court time)
- 2) Arrive not before 10 minutes ahead of your booking time
- 3) Bring your own drinks and snacks
- 4) Try to use toilet facilities prior to arriving at Oakwood and consider not requiring toilet facilities whilst at Oakwood (Disabled WC is available but use is discouraged)
- 5) Sanitize your hands before coming to Oakwood
- 6) Ensure you have your own tennis balls and they are marked for your easy identification

Access to courts:

- 1) Court gates are fastened into an open position. **DO NOT TOUCH GATE SURFACES**
- 2) One Way system has been implemented consisting of signage and duct tape markings:

Enter via the normal entrance path (bowls entrance wooden gate)

Exit via Court 3

- 3) Clear signage instructions around. **OBSERVE THE ONE-WAY SYSTEM AT ALL TIMES**

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Social distancing measures and implementation:

- 1) Car parking: **LEAVE A CLEAR SPACE BETWEEN YOU AND THE NEXT CAR WHEN PARKING**
- 2) One-Way system- **OBSERVE THE ONE-WAY SYSTEM AT ALL TIMES**
- 3) 2 metre distancing and waiting zones have been marked out- **PLEASE MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES AND OBSERVE THE WAITING ZONES WHEN PASSING OTHERS**
- 4) Court benches and all loose items have been removed-
- 5) Courts 2 & 4 have been taken out of operation- (Court 2 may be reinstated soon)
- 6) All nets have been set to correct height and winders removed-
- 7) All balls and loose items around all courts have been removed- **DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING ON COURT WHEN YOUR MATCH HAS FINISHED**
- 8) A Spectator area has been set up on Court 4 with road barriers, markings and floor signage. **NO SPECTATING IS PERMITTED IN ANY OTHER LOCATION/AREA**

Hygiene and safety control measures:

- 1) Hand sanitizer has been fixed near the court gates. Please use hand sanitizer regularly but as A **MINIMUM BEFORE ENTERING COURT AND UPON EXITING COURT TO GO HOME**
- 2) Disposable gloves available near court gates
- 3) Permanent markers have been fixed to gates (for players to mark their balls with)
- 4) First Aid kit is available in floodlight cabinet with signage

Facilities:

- 1) Clubhouse is closed and keys have been removed
- 2) Disabled WC (VCD football)- Hand sanitizer is fitted to wall next to VCD football gate, and anti-bacterial soap, clean hand towels and surface wipes are available.

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On-court Rules:

- 1) Bring your own balls**
- 2) Do not use or touch other players equipment (rackets, water bottles, balls, etc)**
- 3) Mark your own balls and do not pick up any ball not belonging to you (must be marked with your own individual mark)**
- 4) Singles play only preferred**
- 5) Doubles play is permitted (only if all 4 players are from the same household)**
- 6) Do not touch nets, fences or other surfaces**
- 7) Kick stray balls back from neighbouring courts do not handle them**
- 8) Change ends on opposite sides from your opponent(s)**
- 9) Comply with one-way system, waiting areas and consider your movement on and off court to ensure social distancing is maintained**
- 10) Maintain good communication with other court users when entering and exiting the court**
- 11) No extra-curricular or social activity before or after your match**
- 12) Leave site within 10 minutes from the end of your booking time**

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