

# COVID-19 IMPORTANT NOTICE



Following the Government's recent announcement and upon advice from the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA), outside tennis courts can be open subject to certain conditions as outlined below (these are subject to change at short/no notice)

## **Elsenham Tennis Courts are open for use by members only**

### **All players are expected to observe the conditions below at all times and in using the courts, agree to comply with these**

*ETC reserve the right to withdraw the membership of anyone not complying, which also could result in closure of the courts*

- Persons that are self-isolating/have any of the symptoms of Covid-19 as outlined by the Department of Health **MUST NOT** use the courts; additionally, they **MUST** advise the ETC secretary immediately if they have used the courts and have tested positive for Covid-19
- Closure of and access to the hut and surrounding compound is limited to designated persons only (floodlights will only be available for club night & coach led sessions and are not available for free play)
- Tuesday evening club nights for members must be pre-booked and all participants should comply with the relevant instructions
- Doubles play is permitted although there should be no more than 6 players from different households on the courts at any one time (except coach led sessions and club nights)
- Courts **MUST** be booked in advance online (via ClubSpark). The member booking the court **MUST** include the names of all players in the "Add Participants" part of the booking on ClubSpark (and indicate whether they are each a member or a guest; where players are non-members, the booking member **MUST** collect the respective court fees from all players and pay these to ETC via the ETC PayPal account or via BACS quoting "visitor fees" with the members name
- A buffer period of a minimum of 10 minutes between court booking slots to allow time for players to leave before next players arrive



(please allow for this when booking courts which are bookable at 30 min intervals)

- Activity should only take place where travel to and from the courts is in line with government advice
- Spectators are not permitted
- The net should NOT be adjusted and will be maintained at play height – the net winders will be removed to avoid use
- There should be no form of physical contact, e.g., shaking of hands, etc.
- NO sharing of racquets and players should bring their own clearly marked balls (except for coached or club night sessions); where possible, players should avoid touching balls belonging to other players
- Activity should be in line with the Government's advised social distancing measures at all times, including when arriving to and departing from a court
- It is expected that all players will use hand sanitiser before and after any play and before shutting up the courts
- Players MUST use gloves at all times when touching the padlock, key(s) and gate (none are available at the courts)
- No extra-curricular or social activity should take place
- No refreshments are allowed on the courts with the exception of players own water bottles which should be kept inside their bag
- Any professional coaching must be done in line with the above and the LTA guidance for tennis coaches; players should ask what these are at the start of any coaching sessions and observe them at all times

**Please observe these conditions at all times**  
**Thank you for your co-operation**

*Elsenham Tennis Club Committee*



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see public health advice -

<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19coronavirus>