

CASTLE HEDINGHAM TENNIS CLUB - USE OF CLUB FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT & LTA ADVICE

Dear Members and Parents/Guardians of Junior Members

Following the Government guidelines on 10th May and subsequent LTA guidelines your Committee have been working hard to formulate a strategy for play to resume on our Courts. Clearly this has been a difficult task and the system we have determined will not suit everyone but we have endeavoured to make the system as fair and safe as possible. Given that tennis is one of only a few sports we are currently allowed to play, we also wish to give people who have not previously been members of the club the opportunity to use this community facility. The Committee accept that we may not have got the system completely right and welcome any suggestions you may wish to make. The Committee reserve the right to change the system at any time and without notice if circumstances require.

The Committee apologise if some of the Regulations appear excessively onerous but these follow the guidance we have been given and our priority is to ensure everyone is able to play safely. However, as always, players play on the courts at their own risk and the Committee and the Club accept no liability for any incidents, accidents or infections.

Clearly if Members are not respecting these regulations then we may have to take the decision to close the Club again.

MEMBERSHIP

Only members of the Club may play on the courts other than by Committee approval. For the time being membership costs are as follows:-

2019/20 Members	Free
New members	
Adults	£35
Juniors (under 18 or in full-time education)	£20
Seniors (over 65)	£25
Families (up to 2 Adult and 2 Junior Members)	£70

These rates are approximately 30% of the usual annual membership fees and are intended to cover the whole 2020/21 season but may be subject to review.

All 2019/20 Members have been automatically re-joined. New Members can register and pay online via <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/castlehedinghamtennisclub>.

In re-joining, all 2019/20 Members are bound by the new rules and regulations for the current season. All new members will receive details of such rules and regulations upon joining.

PERMITTED PLAY

From Wednesday 13th May Courts 1 and 3 courts are available for all Members to play singles, unless all players are Members from the same household in which case they can play doubles. Court 2 (middle court) is not be used to enable separation of players and balls.

Courts can only be used by advance booking in order that we can monitor court use, avoid crowding and observe social-distancing. Please book online via <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/castlehedinghamtennisclub> or via the Clubspark 'Booker' app

Bookings may be made up to 3 days in advance

There is a maximum of 2 hours per day.

Players should arrive at the Club no earlier than their booked session and vacate the Club premises at least 5 minutes before expiry of their booked session to avoid crossing over with arriving players.

Please note, there may be 1-to-1 coaching on Court 3 but again these will be booked and show on the Clubspark booking system.

FACILITIES

The Clubhouse and storage shed remain out of use and should not be accessed. Similarly the ball machine, club balls and other club equipment are not to be used.

The water fountain has been turned off and should not be used. Court benches have been removed.

The Club toilets will remain open. They should however only be used one at a time. The access code is C3579Z however please leave the doors unlocked and pinned back after use. Toilet paper and soap will be supplied (subject to availability).

The first aid kit is located in the Ladies toilet.

HEALTHY AND SAFETY REGULATIONS

- Players are reminded that they play at their own risk and parents/guardians must recognise that they are responsible for the safety and behaviour of Junior Members.
- ALL junior members under the age of 16 must be supervised by an adult.
- No Player showing any signs of coronavirus should come to the club under any circumstances.
- Members are not allowed to bring any guests onto the courts or Club premises.
- No spectators are allowed other than individual parents or guardians supervising Junior Members under 16 years.
- Players should bring their own water supplies which should not be shared. No other drinking or eating is allowed anywhere on the Club premises.
- All Players must wash their hands on arrival and before leaving the club. Players should bring their own soap in case supplies run out. Players should also bring their own towels to dry their hands and hand-sanitiser.
- All Players should remain 2m apart from anyone not in their household.
- Tennis balls – Players should bring their own tennis balls marked with their own initials. Players should ensure these are kept separate from others and should not pick up balls belonging to other Players in the event that balls stray across courts. In the case of singles play between Players from different households they should only ideally handle or serve with their own balls. If balls are to be shared in a singles game with Players from different households they should be washed in hot mild soapy water and dried before and after use and not used for 3 days afterwards. Tins of 4 x balls are available to purchase for £5 from Andrew Temperton – 07798 771721.
- Players should not engage in any social interaction on or around the Club premises.
- Players should not drop the net after play.

- A link to the full LTA guidelines for players can be accessed via here and all players should read these and check for any updates before playing
<https://www.lta.org.uk/globalassets/news/2020/lta-guidance-for-tennis-players---covid-19.pdf>

Thank you for reading – please remember guidance and regulations are fluid and subject to on-going review and government and LTA advice, so please keep checking your emails from us and thank you in advance for adapting to the new system. Above all however Players should continue to follow the Governments Rules of Stay Alert / Control the Virus / Save Lives and use their own common sense.

We are very pleased to have been able to re-open the Club albeit on this limited basis and are hopeful that the current restrictions will be eased in the near future.

Enjoy being back on court and let's hope the weather stays good!

Best wishes

Andrew Temperton

Chairman