

Tennis Courts Reopening on 19th May

Dear Member,

The Club Board is delighted to announce that 9 outdoor tennis courts will re-open from 9.00 am on 19th May (tomorrow) in line with government and LTA guidance connected with the Covid-19 pandemic. Court bookings can be made from 8.00 pm this evening.

The club has been closed completely since the lockdown was enforced on March 23rd but tennis can now be played in line with the changed policy on exercise. There are significant restrictions in place which must be adhered to in order to ensure the safety of all players.

Singles and one-to-one coaching will be permitted, with doubles only allowed for members of the same household due to the need for social distancing.

Available courts must be booked in advance via the MyCourts system, with the names of all players required. Court bookings can be made on the day or up to 3 days in advance and each session is for 1 hour with a 10-minute gap between bookings. The booking fee is £5.00 per court.

Only members with advance court bookings can attend the club. Instructions on how to book are included below. Members who currently do not have access to MyCourts and wish to play, should email the office (info@stourbridge-tennis-squash.co.uk) with their name, address and telephone number so that they can be added to the system.

All the club's indoor facilities including squash courts, gym, changing rooms, bar and toilets will remain closed.

Members are urged not to spend time at the club beyond their tennis court booking to ensure the safety of everyone.

The new guidelines also allow for tennis coaching sessions to take place outside on an individual basis and members should contact the coaches directly with any questions relating to the booking of sessions.

Members playing tennis are urged to read the instructions, which have been put up by the courts, and to make regular use of a hand sanitizer. The regulations for playing tennis are included below and appropriate signage will be displayed around all 9 courts.

The club looks forward to seeing members enjoying their tennis again with this small but significant step, and urges everyone to follow the new guidelines to protect the wellbeing and safety of everyone involved. The Board will keep the situation under constant review and if members wish to comment on the arrangements please email us at: info@stourbridge-tennis-squash.co.uk

Enjoy your tennis

Rob Moreton, Club Chairman

RULES AND PROTOCOLS FOR POST-LOCKDOWN TENNIS

These rules may change over time and when they do we will keep you informed of what we can and cannot do when playing tennis. Social distancing rules will still apply, and to ensure that people can come to the club without overcrowding, we are enforcing the MyCourts booking system. **MEMBERS MUST USE THIS SYSTEM TO BOOK A COURT BEFORE COMING TO THE CLUB.**

Following Government guidelines and LTA advice, there will be a number of limitations to our use of the courts:

For health and safety reasons, all equipment will be removed (or disabled) from the courts including chairs, brushes and net winders.

NO MEMBER SHOULD PLAY IF THEY HAVE ANY OF THE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 (a high temperature or a continuous cough)

VISITORS/NON-MEMBERS ARE NOT ALLOWED ACCESS TO THE CLUB/COURTS

EACH COURT MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE AND MAY ONLY BE USED FOR EITHER:

**SINGLES PLAY BY PLAYERS WHO MAY BE FROM DIFFERENT HOUSEHOLD, OR,
DOUBLES PLAY BY UP TO FOUR PEOPLE FROM THE SAME HOUSEHOLD.**

NO MIX-INS OR ARRANGED DOUBLES ALLOWED.

ALL PLAYERS MUST OBSERVE TWO METRE SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES.

THE CLUB HOUSE AND BALCONY WILL NOT BE OPEN. FIRST AID KIT AND DEFIBRILLATOR WILL BE AVAILABLE ADJACENT TO COURT 7.

PLAYERS SHOULD WASH THEIR HANDS BEFORE TRAVELLING TO THE CLUB OR USE ANTISEPTIC GEL AND SHOULD WASH THEIR HANDS AS SOON AS THEY CAN AFTER PLAYING. Antiseptic gel will be available at the entrance to the club grounds.

PLAYERS SHOULD BRING THEIR OWN HAND GEL.

PLAYERS SHOULD USE THEIR OWN TENNIS BALLS.

DURING PLAY, AGREE TO NO CHANGEovers OR TO CHANGEover AT OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE COURT.

JUNIOR MEMBERS CAN ONLY PLAY WITH THE ADULT PLAYER WHO HAS BOOKED THE COURT.

PLAYERS SHOULD TRAVEL SEPARATELY IF THEY ARE NOT IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD.

PLAYERS MUST ADHERE TO THE START AND FINISH TIMES OF THEIR SESSION TO REDUCE SOCIAL CONTACT WHILE ENTERING AND LEAVING THE COURTS/CLUB.

DO NOT CONGREGATE AFTER PLAYING. NO EXTRA-CURRICULAR OR SOCIAL ACTIVITY SHOULD TAKE PLACE!

More detailed guidance is also available on the LTA web site:

<https://www.lta.org.uk/globalassets/news/2020/lta-guidance-for-tennis-players---covid-19.pdf>

REMEMBER, CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS FOR THE 'YEAR' WILL BE EXTENDED BY THE DURATION OF THE CLUB CLOSURE. ENJOY YOUR TENNIS AND STAY SAFE!

TENNIS BALLS

Anyone wishing to purchase tennis balls may do so through the club by emailing:
info@stourbridge-tennis-squash.co.uk

The cost is £6.00 per tin. Payment must be made via bank transfer to the club:
Account: SLT&SC or Stourbridge Tennis Club
Sort Code: 30-98-21
Account Number: 26938660

You **MUST** include your name as a reference with the bank transfer details so that the balls can be correctly allocated to you.

The tins will be left on the front steps of the club with your name on and will be available for collection from 10.00 am – 3.00 pm on Wednesdays and Fridays

HOW TO BOOK TENNIS COURTS

The system is set up so that:

Only members can book

Bookings are made through MyCourts.

Sessions are for 1 hour with a 10 minute gap between for access and exit to/from the courts and grounds.

You choose a date on a calendar, choose a court and a start time.

Bookings are restricted to:

Booking up to 3 days in advance

One booking session per person any one day

If you have any questions please email info@stourbridge-tennis-squash.co.uk

ENJOY YOUR TENNIS AND STAY SAFE!