



the friendly face of tennis

## Court Etiquette

- Spectators are not allowed on court and they should remain behind the fences.
- If you do need to walk behind or alongside a court whilst a match is in progress, wait until the point is finished and then move as quickly as possible.
- Do not walk on court or behind people playing as this is both dangerous and distracting to players.
- Do not attempt to retrieve balls from an adjacent court if the players are in the middle of a point.
- Foul language and racket abuse will NOT be tolerated.
- During busy periods the Waiting List should be used by those waiting to play.
- Please show respect to visitors and new members who may not be as aware of any distractions their presence around court might cause.

## Court Care

It is important that we ALL take some responsibility for the care and maintenance of the courts; this will extend their playing life.

The **clay courts** should be dragged at the end of play. Please do not play on these courts if they are too wet. If the courts are very dry please use the irrigation system before commencing play (a member of the Exec or coaching team will be able to show you how it works). If you are unsure whether the courts are playable, please ask. There is a line brush available in the clubhouse, please use when necessary and return to the clubhouse. If the line tapes come up or the courts get uneven or rutted even after dragging, please report this to the Groundsman / Head of Facilities as soon as possible.

Please do not leave empty cans and other rubbish on the courts, please use the bins provided.

Glasses and glass bottles should NOT be taken onto court at any time.

## Court Availability

Leverstock Green is a very active club, and with the high number of matches (both tournament and friendly) there may be occasions where you turn up to play and are unable to get a court immediately. The Playing Committee continues to regularly review court allocation with the aim of ensuring that the availability of courts is fairly spread across all areas of the membership; with new non-team playing members and team players alike having opportunities to play. There is an up to date court allocation sheet displayed on the Playing Committee notice board.

Additionally, each Spring planned maintenance of the clay courts takes place. We try to schedule this maintenance to cause the least amount of disruption but, with such an active and busy club, inevitably there is some impact on court availability during this time.

Please remember that if there is no court available when you arrive to play just put your name on a "Waiting to Play" sheet in the clubhouse – as long as everyone is considerate to fellow members and follows the Court Priority/Allocation rules set out below no one should have to wait too long.

## Court Priority/Allocation Rules

- Senior members may play on any vacant court in play subject to the precedence of senior or junior inter-club matches and senior or junior club tournament matches. With the exception of Junior Night one court is allocated for juniors at all times.
- When other members entitled to play are waiting, short sets shall be played, but junior members must give way at the end of the game in progress, unless playing either an internal inter club match. Members not playing a set may use a court for "knocking-up" for a maximum of one hour.
- Doubles takes precedence over casual singles, hitting or friendly match. However, singles players may finish a short set of any friendly match started.
- Junior members will have priority for the use of all carpeted and tarmac courts on Friday evenings apart from, if required, one court which should be made available for senior member social play and three courts when a W&D match is scheduled.
- Junior members may be invited to play with senior members, unless senior members are waiting to play.
- Juniors are not permitted to play on the clay courts, except when playing club matches or at the discretion of one of the coaching staff.