

Phase 3 Procedures

Summary of Main Changes from Phase 2

- Both singles play and doubles play will be permitted with people from outside of their household, as long as they remain 2 metres apart as much as possible.
- Internal club competitions will be resumed.
- Players do not now need to use their own clearly marked tennis balls.
- The clubhouse will be opened for members only.
- The lights token machine may be used.
- Coaches are allowed to work with up to 6 players per court subject to social distancing practices being implemented.
- Visitors to the club are allowed subject to appropriate contact tracing protocols being in place.

About These Procedures

The procedures set out in this document were developed to facilitate a return to playing tennis at Leixlip Tennis Club under Phase 3 of the Government's easing of restrictions.

The safety of club members is central to the procedures being put in place and they will be reviewed and updated on an ongoing basis to reflect changing safety requirements at a national level and ongoing advices from Tennis Ireland.

Updated procedures will be communicated to all members as they arise.

Statement by the Committee

The priority of the Leixlip Tennis Club Committee is to ensure the safety of our members at all times. The procedures outlined in this document are in line with Tennis Ireland guidelines and Government restrictions and they have been tailored for Leixlip Tennis Club based on club facilities.

In order to ensure compliance with these procedures to the benefit our members safety, the Committee will be monitoring the court booking system and CCTV footage, in addition to daily manual inspections.

Failure to comply with these procedures, will result in sanctions being imposed by the Committee, which may include suspension of membership.



We trust that our members will understand the necessity for putting these procedures in place and we appreciate the cooperation of all of our members to ensure that we provide a safe environment for playing the sport we all love.

With consideration to the above, we hope that all members will enjoy their time back on court and we look forward to seeing some great tennis in the coming period.

The Leixlip Tennis Club Committee

Permitted Players

Every player must:

- Be a current member of Leixlip Tennis Club and have his/her contact information recorded in the club membership records
- Be a visiting player, paying a green fee, whose contact information is fully recorded. Visiting players will not be allowed to access the clubhouse.
- If under 16 years of age, be accompanied by an parent/guardian (member)
- Not have been out of the country in the last 14 days
- Not have been around someone with symptoms of Covid-19 in the last 14 days
- Not be in a period of self-isolation and/or cocooning under the current Health Policy Rules
- Not be displaying COVID-19 symptoms

Singles and Doubles play is permitted during Phase 3 as long players remain 2 metres apart as much as possible.

Club Facilities

Clubhouse

The clubhouse will be open for members only. Members will be able to access the Social Room, internal changing rooms, including showers and toilets during these times.

Members, using the clubhouse facilities, must still observe social distancing measures and be responsible for the sanitisation of their hand and the areas used. Members should use their own cups for making tea / coffee etc.

The external toilet remains open ~~has been re-opened~~ and can now be used by members and visiting players. Hand sanitisers have been provided and must be used.



Players must be mindful of sanitising all areas following use.

Protocols for accessing the clubhouse will be issued separately.

Equipment

Sanitising units will be provided at the main entrance and members are directed to use them when entering and exiting the club facilities.

Bins, benches and scoreboards have been removed from the courts to help limit the touching of objects.

The lights token machine may be used. Members must sanitise their hands following the use of the lights token machine.

Access / Egress

The main gate will be set up for access control and can be opened by members using the new fobs.

When entering, members should swipe their fob, without touching the fob pad and use their foot or shoulder for opening the gate.

When leaving, members should activate the gate release mechanism by pressing the button, (on Clubhouse wall at corner nearest the gate), using an elbow or tennis racket to do so.

The main gate will be left in the open position during scheduled play or when a committee member is at the courts.

Opening Hours

Access will be permitted from 9am to 9.30pm every day. User fobs will not work outside of these times.

Booking System - Mandatory

The booking system **must** be used for all play. Only those recorded on the booking system will be permitted access to the courts. This is to ensure that contact tracing can be carried out if required.



The name of every player must be listed on the court booking system. Players booking courts must take responsibility for including the names of each player. If there is a change to who is playing, the person who made the book, must make sure the booking is updated.

The courts booking system has been updated to accept bookings in 15 minute blocks.

Players must vacate the courts at the allotted booked time.

Club Events

Scheduled Play (Practice Sessions)

Men's Practice, Ladies' Practice and Ladies' Mornings have been prepopulated on the booking system. Players should note the available start times and agree a time for starting using the WhatsApp groups. The captains / administrators will allocate start times on the basis of court availability and interest. The captains / administrators will maintain a log of players participating in scheduled play sessions. As such, names for scheduled sessions will no longer be recorded on the booking system.

Players will not be permitted to participate in practice sessions unless they have pre-registered with the captains / administrators and have agreed a designated start time

Ladders

The club ladders will be starting up in the coming weeks. Once again, all participants must be named on the court booking system when arranging ladder matches.

Coaching

Coaching resumed on Saturday 13 June for the junior sessions and may be availed of for senior sessions with immediate effect.

Coaches can have up to 6 players on each court subject to social distancing measures being in place.

Other measures are also in place for coaching. For further information regarding additional restrictions and to make arrangements, members should contact Head Coach, Liam Cassidy (085 1510701) or email coaching@leixliptennisclub.com.

Member Safety Measures

Coming to the courts

- Players should travel to the club alone, or only with a member of the same household.
- If players must park next to another car, they should wait for the other person to exit or enter before doing so themselves.
- Players should arrive at the court entrance no more than 5 minutes prior to the reserved playing time.
- It is important that players maintain social distancing and wait in a predesignated waiting area that allows for social distancing – markings in place
- Players should observe social distancing at all times and resist the temptation to mingle
- Players should sanitise their hands using dispensers provided at the entrance to the clubs
- Players should proceed to the courts in single file. The path has been marked off with 2 meter zones and only one person is allowed in each zone at the same time
- Players should enter the court one at a time
- Players should head straight to their designated court
- Players should ensure that they utilise toilet facilities in their own home prior to arriving at the club.
- Players should ideally bring a small bottle of hand sanitizer with them and keep it in their pocket or bag for use.

On Court

- Physical distancing should be observed throughout the period of play, particularly on change of ends and entering and exiting the court.
- Players should change ends at opposite sides of the net.
- Players must refrain from handshakes and high fives
- Equipment such as towels, food, and drink must not be exchanged between players.
- Players should bring their own drinks and towels.
- Players should avoid touching their face after handling a ball, racquet, or other equipment.
- **Players do not now need to use their own clearly marked tennis balls – however, if you choose to use shared balls then extra care must be taken to ensure you do not touch your face during play, and you should sanitise your hands before play and immediately after finishing.**
- Players should remain apart from other players when taking a break.

- If a ball from another court comes across, players should send it back with a kick or with a racquet.

Post-Play

- Once play has finished, players should leave the premises promptly at the recorded finish time, sanitising their hands on the way out using a courtside dispenser.
- If a player becomes unwell after playing, they should first contact their GP/HSE and then inform their club. The club should contact the HSE and follow the advice provided to them on the next steps.