

BRIDGEND TENNIS, BOWLS & SQUASH CIC

UNLOCKING THE LOCKDOWN – Covid-19 RULES FOR PHASE 1. Rev 11/07/2020

PRINCIPLES:

1. The Health & Safety of our members is our top priority. Conformance with Welsh Government (WG) law and LTA /Tennis Wales guidelines is fundamental
2. Restoration of play will be staged and this will initially focus on Tennis & Bowls. We will wait for guidelines from Squash Wales to be published.
3. **Any play must be pre booked through the new ClubSpark booking system including 'pay to play'. 'Pay to play' on court 3 only**
4. **Strictly no spectators will be allowed at the club other than a single parent/ guardian for junior players or a carer for disabled player who shall strictly comply with the 2 m social distancing rule.**
5. The CIC board supported by the Tennis Committee will supervise the arrangements and ensure compliance.
6. Drafting these guidelines has been a challenge. In ensuring a safe return to play we have adopted a phased approach which will be regularly reviewed. Your patience, support and empathy during this difficult period is key to its success.

RULES in detail:

1. **Do not come to the Club if you or someone you live with has or has had symptoms of Covid-19 or you are in the most vulnerable category and have been advised to shield from the coronavirus.**
2. **All members must at all times comply with the 2 meters social distance law.**
3. **Courts number 1 & 2 (Top Courts) and 3 (bottom court) will be open to play from 07:00-21:00 as floodlights will not be available. Exceptions will be considered for members who are frontline NHS workers and social care staff who are working shifts – They should contact Paul Webber on 07956-428353**
4. **Singles and Doubles can both now be played**
5. The Entrance to Court 1 is the gate next to the Club house, to Court 2 will be the far gate next to the bank and to court 3 is the near side gate (furthest away from Newbridge Fields).
6. **Court 4 (Bottom Courts) will initially be allocated for coaching purposes only. This will be regularly reviewed.** Our coach Steven Richards will publish guidelines and will be responsible for compliance.
7. **Each Player will have to pre book their courts using the new booking system. For track and trace purposes players should record on Clubspark their opponents. If they can't do this for any reason then they should retain a record of their opponents for 21 days after the match. It will not be possible to book the court using any other system including via the Manager or the Coach. The Court will be booked for 1 hour; your playing slot will be 50 minutes. You must leave the court by 10 minutes to the hour.** This will allow players time to leave the Club before the next players arrive and play their game, ensuring social distancing.
8. **Players must arrive no early than their allotted start time and must immediately leave the Club after playing.**
9. **Booking will be reserved for Adults and Juniors 14 & over. Juniors under 14 can play but with an Adult member. Each member will be limited to booking a maximum of 4 hours court time per week (but can play up to 8 hours a week using courts booked by others) and allowed to play a max. 2 hours per day (non peak times 7am-3pm) and 1 hour a day peak times.**
10. **Please note each player must bring their own 4 MARKED TENNIS BALLS. Players must only handle their own MARKED tennis balls even when serving.** Players must not handle anyone else's tennis balls including their opponents. Please use your racket to return them.
11. Avoid touching gates, fences, nets etc. Do not change ends or agree to change at opposite sides of the net.
12. Sanitiser and first aid kit will be available by the entrances to courts 1, 2 and 3. The Coach will make his own arrangements for court 4. **We advise players to bring their own hand sanitisers**
13. **The Club House, Toilets and changing rooms will remain closed except when the outdoor bar facilities are open.** Please make necessary 'preparations' at home and come to the Club dressed & ready to play.
14. In drafting these rules we have taken into the account the Legal requirements of Welsh Government. **All Members must comply.** There will be CCTV monitoring on upper and lower courts and **Members who do not comply will be suspended.** Conformance with these arrangements will be the responsibility of the CIC Board supported by the Tennis Committee and the Coach. Spot checks will be carried out aided by CCTV surveillance.