

TENNIS COURT BOOKING

- Please ensure you wear proper tennis shoes in good condition before entering the courts.
- You must judge the conditions of the court and not play if it is unsafe to do so.
- Players are responsible for their own safety on court.
- A parent needs to be present for a booking for a junior under 14.
- The member that has booked the court must be on the court.
- All players must be members or paying guests and abide by the rules of the club.
- Fees for guests are payable to the club by Bacs transfer (as for membership fees, reference GUEST, £5 per adult/£3 per junior), and guests are limited to six visits.
- The floodlights on courts 1, 2 and 3 are available for use by members after receiving training from a member of the tennis committee and within the permitted times of play under their membership. The floodlights may be used only up to 9pm Monday to Friday and up to 6pm Saturday, Sunday and bank holidays (under a planning condition).
- Please leave enough time at the end of your booking to allow you to pick up all your belongings so that the next booking can start on time.
- Members are limited to 4 hours of booking per week.
- Please cancel a booking promptly if you no longer require it.
- If you have booked court 5 or 6, please ensure that you follow the instructions for use of the courts as set out below. The instructions for dragging the courts are also displayed on courts 5 and 6.

Maintenance of the Artificial Clay Courts

The artificial clay courts consist of a carpet layer with loose sand infill which is intended to cover the carpet fibres. The surface will be damaged if play takes place when the carpet fibres are exposed and it is therefore **vitaly important that players drag the surface after every time they play however, do not drag the courts if the surface is too wet.** Should the tufts be generally visible please notify the Committee so that it can be topped up.

Shoes – Please wear Tennis Shoes suitable for clay courts as shoes with a deep tread tend to churn up the surface. The flatter the surface the better.

There is a foot mat and a shoe brush by the exit gate so please ensure that you clean your shoes to remove material on leaving the courts.

Please do not leave litter, plastic bottles or old balls on the courts.

Young children not taking part in coaching should not be allowed to play on the clay courts.

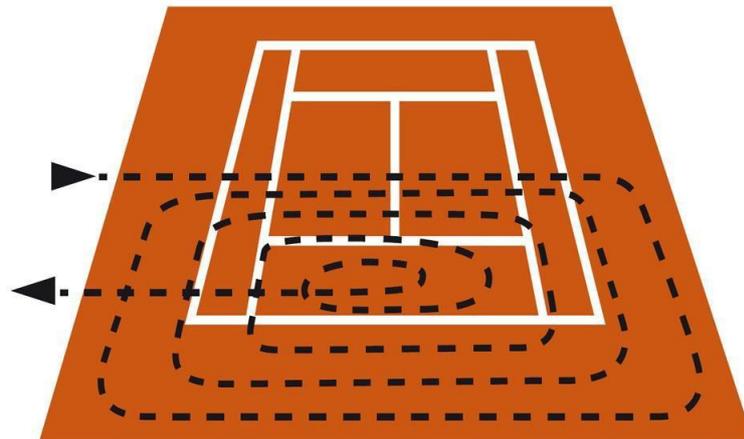
Stray stones or leaves on the courts will damage the surface and get caught up in maintenance equipment so please remove any you see.

Scooters, bikes and other wheeled equipment should never be ridden across the courts unless specifically for maintenance purposes.

Dragging the Artificial Clay Courts

There are two combination brush/drag mats located on courts 5 and 6.

The courts must be dragged with these mats after every time you play to spread the sand infill so that the carpet underlay is completely covered. Allow 5 minutes for this task before you need to leave to ensure the courts are ready for the next players. If needed, remove any leaves or other rubbish first so that they are not spread over the courts.



Start at one net post and drag the mat across the court along the line of the net, then head down the side of the court outside the tramlines towards the fence, cross the back of the court along the fence and continue walking in an inward spiral motion until you are in the middle of that side of the court. Repeat the same action at the other end of the court. Do not simply drag the mats across the courts as this takes the sand away from the playing surface where it is needed.

Please replace the drag mats on their hooks after use.

There are rotary line brushes available on the courts. As the lines will gradually get covered by sand, use these brushes to clear the lines after play.

Please replace the line brushes on their hooks after use as to leave them standing or lying on the court would damage the bristles.