

# COVID-19: GUIDANCE FOR PLAYERS AT BLT&SRC – updated 20.12.20 (Tier 4)

## BACKGROUND

The following guidance for players at BLT&SRC has been developed with reference to advice received from the LTA and England Squash. When generating this document, the Club has assumed that members are already familiar with the government's current guidance <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-4-stay-at-home#sports-and-physical-activity> and that you will follow the 'Hands, Face, Space' guidance (wash hands, cover face and make space), and agree to act responsibly in accordance with this general guidance whilst using the Club's facilities.

Please do not come to the club if:

- You are displaying COVID-19 symptoms.
- You are self-isolating.
- You or a household member are awaiting a COVID-19 test result.

## WHO CAN VISIT THE CLUB

- All Tennis, Squash and Racketball members with a confirmed outdoor tennis court booking.
- Members and non-members who have a pre-booked 1-1 coaching session.
- U18s who have an organised session.
- Guests of members (seniors only) but only if they have been added as GUEST to a booking, the guest fee paid and the Club Managers informed of the name of the guest by email ([manager@bltsrc.co.uk](mailto:manager@bltsrc.co.uk)).
- A parent of a junior member who is playing at the club.

## ON AND AROUND THE COURT

- **Observe social distancing at all times** and practise public health advice for hygiene.
- Do not make physical contact with others (e.g. shaking hands).
- Wash your hands before coming to the club.
- We recommend that you bring a full water bottle; drinking water is not available.
- We recommend that you bring your own balls and equipment, clearly marked where possible. If not, any shared equipment must be thoroughly sanitised after use.
- Allow players to vacate the court before entering; maintain required social distancing.
- Avoid touching court gates, fences, posts, walls etc. as much as possible.
- Use hand sanitiser provided on the court entrances before and after playing.
- After playing, vacate the court a few minutes before the end of your session.
- No socialising before or after play.

## DURING PLAY

### TENNIS:

#### Outside:

1. Singles only with players from different households.
2. Doubles only with other players from the same households or support bubble.

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3. Organised coaching groups for U18s and disabled players up to max of 15. Not permitted for adults.
4. 1-1 coaching for U18s and adults.
5. Local singles and doubles competitions/matches for U18s and disabled players from that area only. Not permitted for adults.

## **Indoors:**

During Tier 4 the indoor tennis courts will not be available for booking by members.

## **General guidelines:**

- It is recommended players use their own, clearly marked balls unless players are from the same household.
- Your opponent's balls or stray balls from adjacent courts should be returned using your foot or racket, not your hand.
- Avoid changing ends or agree to change ends using different sides of the net.
- Brushes for sweeping the clay courts are not available for general use; you are not required to sweep the clay courts.
- Players should be encouraged not to run down balls if the 2m distancing rule will be compromised.
- All coaching activity is carried out in line with Government guidance on organising outdoor sport and physical activity events and for providers of grassroots sport and gym/leisure facilities.
- No socialising before or after play.
- Travel restrictions into or out of area apply.

For more detailed and up to date guidance from the LTA please [click here](#).

## **SQUASH & SQUASH57**

During Tier 4 the squash courts will not be available for booking by members.

For more detailed and up to date guidance from England Squash please [click here](#).

## **IN THE CLUBHOUSE**

During Tier 4 the clubhouse and toilets will be closed until the New Year. The Club Council will review this arrangement in the New Year once suitable security and cleaning arrangements have been established.

## **THE BAR & KITCHEN**

In line with Tier 4 restrictions, the BLT&SRC bar is currently closed although take-away food will be available at specific times.

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## **CLUB OFFICE**

- In accordance with current government guidelines, the Club Managers will only come into the office when absolutely necessary and will work the rest of their usual hours from home.
- Please use the online court booking system to top up your account.

**If any player develops symptoms of Covid-19 then they should follow the government’s “test & trace” guidelines and inform the Club Managers via email: [manager@bltsrc.co.uk](mailto:manager@bltsrc.co.uk).**