

TENNIS ABERDEEN PROTOCOL FOR THE RE-INTRODUCTION OF OUTDOOR TENNIS



We are delighted to welcome our tennis players back to the courts!

We would, however, like to ask all players to adhere to the following protocols and general arrangements. These rules will help keep both Tennis Aberdeen staff and players safe. Tennis Aberdeen staff will be on hand to support you and monitor adherence to physical distancing guidelines. These protocols have been developed in conjunction with the most recent Tennis Scotland COVID-19 guidance.

- Anyone with any symptoms of COVID-19 should not play and should self-isolate themselves in-line with government guidelines.
- Physical distancing rules (remaining two meters / six feet apart) must be observed at all times.
- Court times at Aberdeen Tennis Centre hardcourts are available to book in hourly slots, during the advertised opening hours. Check online for the most up to date information www.sportaberdeen.co.uk.
- All bookings for Aberdeen Tennis Centre hard courts should be booked in advance by using our online bookings system or by calling 01224 507746 during opening hours.
- Please arrive no more than 15 minutes prior to your start time and report to the member of staff located at Westburn Outdoor Centre.
- Unpaid bookings can be paid by contactless card payment only. Cash payments will not be accepted.
- A maximum of two players, or two pairs where each pair is from the same household, may be permitted on one court at any given time.
- All players must bring their own equipment, no equipment will be loaned under any circumstance. Balls and rackets are available for sale if you require.
- Aberdeen Tennis Centre and Westburn Outdoor Centre buildings remain closed to the public and as such there will be no welfare facilities accessible.
- Free to use outdoor courts are available at Ruthriestone, which is an un-staffed facility.
- No social gatherings are permitted. Once play is finished, players must leave the premises promptly and following physical distancing guidelines.

Before you play:

- Under no circumstance should you arrive to play without a booking. No 'ad hoc' bookings will be taken by staff at Westburn Outdoor Centre.
- Ensure your group size is no greater than two players from different households or four players where each doubles pair is represented by only one household. Spectators will not be permitted.
- Ensure you bring your own equipment and clearly initial your tennis balls to help distinguish from others.
- Use the toilet facilities at your home and bring your own food and water/soft drinks with you. No sharing of food or beverages is permitted.
- Bring your own hand sanitiser to use during your trip to and from the courts.
- Arrive at the venue no more than 15 minutes prior to your booking time.
- Stay up to date by following LTA, Tennis Scotland and Tennis Aberdeen websites and social media channels.

On the courts:

- The nets should be wound up sufficiently for play, please ask a member of staff if they need to be adjusted. Do not do this yourself.
- Gates should be left open during play.
- All activity permitted can be found via the Tennis Scotland website. Unless a specific NESTLA session, the only play available is for recreational purposes only.
- Avoid changing ends or agree to change ends by walking around the opposite sides of the net.
- Clean and wipe down equipment before, during and after use.
- Players should not:
 - Share equipment, food or drink
 - Pick up any tennis balls which are clearly not yours
 - Chase the ball down onto another court if it is use.
 - Shake hands, high-five, or have any physical contact with anyone out with their household.

After you have finished: Please leave the venue whilst maintaining physical distancing.

Thank you for your continued support and assistance.