



RETURN TO TENNIS GUIDELINES

East Malvern Tennis Club is very pleased to advise that the tennis courts will reopen for **Member play only** from Thursday 14 May 2020.

[These rules have been updated as at 4th June 2020 \(see Court Booking System\)](#)

1. EMTC Opening Hours and Tennis Court Booking System

Restricted Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday: 8.00am to 10.00pm

Saturday and Sunday: 8.00am to 8.00pm

Access to the tennis courts will be limited to Club Members only.

Members' guests are not permitted at this stage.

Court access will be limited to members only who:

- have not been out of the country for the past 14 days
- are not in self-isolation and not required to do so
- are not displaying COVID-19 symptoms or flu-like symptoms

Court Usage "Order of Priority" to Courts:

1. Phone Court Bookings
2. Walk-in 'Paper Booking Sheet'

Court Booking System for ALL member court usage:

These forms of bookings are compulsory and enable us to meet COVID-19 tracing requirements.

- Phone Court bookings are highly recommended via phone on **9886 0858 (Admin Office)** and these bookings take priority over any other form of booking.
These bookings must be phoned through between 9.00am and 3.00pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday (During Deb's Office Hours). If there is no answer please leave a message (or send an email) with clear details of your booking, including ALL people using your court.
- Please note: – ALL court bookings after 6.00pm will require payment of the \$12 Light Fee. This is to be paid with credit card at the time of booking. The Lights will be turned on before this time.
- **Friday Social (9.30am – 12.00noon)** and **Sunday Social (1.00pm to 4.00pm)** we need those planning to come to also book via this system. We will then have a record of who is coming and if all the courts are to be utilised. Walk-ins are allowed, but bookings will take precedent if courts are full.

- All members **MUST** have their shoe tag on them at all times.
- Members should not arrive at the Court more than 10 minutes before their starting time.
- At these early stages a maximum booking timeslot of one hour will be available with play permitted once per day at these early stages as demand for courts is likely to be very high.
- Bookings are for a maximum group size of four (doubles play is permitted).
- Names of all Members must be provided with each court booking.
- Members may be restricted to a maximum number of visits per week to allow for a fair allocation of courts for all Members, given these unusual times.
- Due to expected demand for courts, should a group not turn up for their allocated court booking without cancelling in advance, they may face a booking suspension period.
- The only entry to EMTC will be the front gate. You must always respect social distancing rules when entering and exiting the grounds, and courts.
- If you arrive at the courts without having made a booking you will need to:
 - Check the Monitor for available courts and times. (google cal should be displayed) The Monitor is in front of Court 3 within the Clubhouse. Phone Bookings take precedence over walk-ins. *(For Saturday & Sunday a printed copy will be attached to the window in case the monitor is not working.)*
 - If a court is free record your name, **and all other players in your group**, on the Paper 'Walk-in Booking Sheet' and use the available court.

2. Clubhouse, Facilities and Court Protocols

- Clubhouse remains CLOSED (*as per guidelines 01 June 2020*)
- Toilets are open from the outside only and will be cleaned regularly.
- Shower & changeroom must not be used by anyone at any time.
- Drinking fountains will not be available for use and Members should bring their own drink bottles already full
- Park benches and seating will not be available.
- Court gates are to remain ajar to eliminate contact, where safe and practical.
- Equipment, food and beverages must not be exchanged between players at any time.
- All member should show respect of physical distancing of other members at all times.

NOTE: Any players not following these directions will be asked to leave the club

3. Pre-game arrangements and Arrival

- Tennis equipment including bags & drink bottles should be cleaned before leaving home.
- Wash hands prior to leaving home to protect against infection.
- You must provide your own hand sanitiser, and hand towel.
- Always observe social distancing measures and refrain from off-court gatherings.

4. On the Court

- Keep 1.5 metres away from other people at all times.
- Singles and doubles are permitted.
- Court baggers and brooms must be wiped down after use.
- Where possible, use racquet/foot to pick up balls and hit them to your opponent.
- If a ball from another court comes across, send it back with a racquet or a kick.
- Members should leave immediately after their playing time has concluded.
- Players must refrain from handshakes and high fives.

5. Getting Home Safely

- No shaking hands after play
- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water or hand sanitiser
- Post-round, players must return to their cars/transport and leave the Club

Please note Futures Tennis Academy lessons will have their usual Court Allocation. All information regarding lessons will come from the FTA Office.

Whilst we are very excited to get Members back on court, we need to remain vigilant in ensuring the Club remains a safe and healthy environment for all Members. The COVID-19 situation is a dynamic one and all precautions need to be taken to ensure that we can continue to operate the tennis club with minimal risk. We continue to work towards a day where Members can enjoy all the facilities of the Club. This guide will help you navigate through the expectations when visiting the Club. Adherence to these guidelines, which are not onerous, will give everyone comfort that they can enjoy the facilities and return home to family and friends safe, healthy and pose no risk to them, or the community at large

At all times the Club will respond to the directives of the Victorian Government and Public Health Authorities, and Tennis Victoria and Stonnington Council. This may result in further closures or additional facilities to be reopened as we move forward. *The next Victorian Government review is set for 21 June 2020.*

A detection of a positive COVID-19 case will result in a standard public health response, which could include the quarantine of an individual or large group and close contacts for the required isolation period.

All Members therefore have an important responsibility in complying with these guidelines at all times, and particularly the social distancing and safe hygiene protocols, in order to minimise the risk of the Club being forced back into shutdown.

Enjoy your time back on the court!

IMPORTANT

Any Member who experiences post-play flu, cold or cough-like symptoms must contact the Club Secretary immediately by email at admin@eastmalverntc.com.au