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CARE OF YOUR COURTS & SHOES

We appeal to every member, and visitors, to take time to study the following information. We cannot emphasise enough the importance of knowing how to take care of your courts.

GENERAL PLAY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:

Courts MUST be watered before and after (and if necessary during) play **from fence to fence** (North and South) and **bagged after every set from fence to fence**, and bagged at the end of play **from fence to fence**. *Note this needs to be done from fence to fence, not just the court area.* This keeps down dust, helps settle the court correctly and minimises risk and discomfort to players.

It is important that the court surface must always be kept damp during play. When watering the courts, make sure there is good water pressure and **point the hose high into the air** to ensure a good even coverage. **Never** point the hose at the ground please. Take care not to over-water, which will create puddles making play impossible.

Pay attention and you will **avoid puddles**. In very dry or windy conditions, a light sprinkling before bagging will help keep the dust down.

WET or DRIZZLY CONDITIONS:

If the courts have become flooded or shiny / wet all over, allow the water to subside of its own accord. **This may take up to one hour or longer.** **Mopping up may only begin once the water has subsided to small puddles.** Once these puddles have been removed the court surface must be allowed to dry naturally until ready for play. **If, when you rub your foot lightly along the court surface, it is still wet or slippery underneath, allow more time to dry.** When appropriate, the watersoaker rollers can be used to remove excess water.

FROSTY CONDITIONS:

When all or part of a court is affected by frost no play is possible. Frost forms both on top of and below the surface and any play causes the surface to break up.

Wait until the frost melts and the court dries out.

Note: Playing on a wet court is dangerous to players, as well as damaging to the court.

SHOES:

Only approved flat soled tennis shoes (including herringbone or feathered) are to be worn on the courts at East Malvern Tennis Club. See our separate sheet with shoe examples.

Ripple sole, cross trainers, jogging, running, cricket shoes or shoes with a raised heel or with studs that cause damage to the courts are not permitted.