



# TENNIS GUIDELINES – during COVID

## Rules of Play V14

In order to comply with the Department of Health and Human Services, and with Stonnington Council, the following updated guidelines have been put into place.

These rules have been updated **28 July 2021**, so please read thoroughly.

**WE MUST HAVE A 'RECORD OF ATTENDANCE' FOR EVERY MEMBER/PERSON WHO COMES TO THE CLUB – this requirement will be around for quite a while.**

**Always QR Code EVEN IF YOU HAVE MADE A COURT BOOKING/ ARE PLAYING COMEPTITION / JOINING OUR SOCIAL TENNIS / GUEST OF A MEMBER / ARE A COACHING CLIENT / ETC. NO EXCEPTIONS – IF YOU ARE HERE YOU QR CODE..**

**WE ASK EVERYONE WHO HAS A MOBILE PHONE TO USE THE QR CODE PLEASE.**

**If you do not have a mobile phone please complete the paper 'RECORD OF ATTENDANCE' sheet.**

**MASKS are MANDATORY AT ALL TIMES and should only be removed once you are on the court. They must be put back on before you leave the court please.**

**Please remember - Social distancing MUST be practiced at all times.**

*Please note information regarding lesson will always come from the Futures Tennis Academy Office.*

### **1. EMTC Opening Hours and Book A Court System**

**Opening Hours:** Monday to Sunday: 7.00am to 10.00pm

**Access to East Malvern Tennis Club will be limited to people 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. All Competition & Coaching / organised Friday & Sunday Social tennis as per court roster
2. Online Book A Court Bookings (Highly recommended)
3. Walk-in QR Code recording, or 'Record of Attendance Sheet'.

### **Book A Court - Booking System for ALL member court usage:**

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

We strongly recommend everyone uses Book A Court to make bookings. **Please do not leave 30-minute gaps between existing bookings.** Instructions available on our website: <https://eastmalverntc.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/EMTC-BOOK-A-COURT-Instructions-V3.pdf>

If you bring a **Guest** there are envelopes for the \$10 fee if you have not paid for them in your Court Booking. (In BAC you can do this by registering your 'guest' in your booking).

ALL court bookings after dusk require payment of the \$12 per hour Light Fee (time varies depending on daylight savings). This will be charged within your Book A Court booking. Refunds will be given for washouts. The lights will be turned on ready for your booking.

**IMPORTANT:** at no time should you interrupt/call out to a coach mid lesson and ask them to turn on lights.

## IF YOU DON'T HAVE A BOOKING:

- **Check Book A Court on your phone before going to a spare court (it may have a booking). We strongly suggest you bookmark the ClubSpark link so it is always available to you.**  
**ALL 'Book A Court' Bookings take precedence over walk-ins.**
- If there is a spare court and you have a mobile phone, and a ClubSpark account, we strongly recommend you use 'Book A Court' to secure the free court. If you don't book the court someone else may do so, and you will have to leave when they arrive. Register your attendance via QR Code.

**Friday Social (9.30am – 12.00noon) and Sunday Social (1.00pm to 4.00pm):** All members, and any guest, **MUST** record their attendance using the QR Code or paper 'Record of Attendance' sheet.

**NO socialising/sharing food afterwards please.**

- All members must have their shoe tag on them at all times.
- **NO Spectators allowed – (excluding people necessary – such as coach, carer, parent or guardian).**
- Should you not be able to turn up for your allocated court booking please cancel this booking on your ClubSpark account ASAP (cancellation can be made up to 1 hour prior to start time) or send an email to [admin@eastmalverntc.com.au](mailto:admin@eastmalverntc.com.au) advising you are/were unable to attend.
- 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.

## **2. Clubhouse, Facilities and Court Protocols**

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- **Clubhouse is open – MASKS are required (including toilets)**
- **When OPEN there is a density limit sign displayed on the entry door, and inside.**
- Please wipe down your chair and table after use. Wipes are available on top of the microwave.
- Hand Sanitiser is available on "QR Code/Record of Attendance" table, the Clubhouse & in bathrooms.
- Toilets are open and will be cleaned regularly.
- Shower & changeroom should not be used by anyone (we cannot clean after each use).
- We highly recommend Members bring their own drink bottles.
- Park benches and seating is available.
- Court gates are to remain ajar to eliminate contact, where safe and practical.
- Equipment, food and beverages should not be exchanged between players.
- All members should show respect of physical distancing of other members at all times.

## **3. On the Court**

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- Keep 1.5 metres away from other people at all times, where practical.
- Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly with soap and water before and after play.
- 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.
- Players must refrain from handshakes and high fives.

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

At all times the Club will respond to the directives of the Victorian Government and Public Health Authorities, Sport & Recreation Victoria, Tennis Victoria and Stonnington Council.

All Members therefore have an important responsibility in complying with these guidelines at all times, and particularly the QR Code recording, 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 and/or cold and/or cough-like symptoms must contact the Club Secretary immediately by email [admin@eastmalverntc.com.au](mailto:admin@eastmalverntc.com.au)