



WHBTC

Tennis
Return to Play
Protocols

WHBTC – RETURN TO PLAY

- Monday, 18th May 2020 is return to tennis day.
- Tennis courts will be open from 9.00am to 9.15pm only.
- The world we live in is much changed.
- The COVID-19 Virus is still with us.
- We do not want to be responsible for spreading it.

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- **5km travel restriction** still applies per government order.
- **Over 70's restrictions** still apply per government order.
- **Social distancing and hand hygiene** still form a hugely important part of stopping the spread of COVID-19.
- Playing tennis at WHBTC must incorporate safety for yourself and others.
- **Junior members** must be accompanied by a parent who should make the online court booking.
- Non-playing parents should maintain social distance when waiting.

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- Please bring your own drink, sanitisers, wipes, tissues and any other items you require as these will not be available at the club.
- Please be aware that **toilet facilities will not be available**.
- Access to **lights will not be available** during this time.
- If there is a DONOT TOUCH sign, please **DO NOT TOUCH**.

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- From May 18th 2020 until further notice, Singles play is allowed. Singles play allows for appropriate **social distancing**.
- **Doubles play will be limited to players from the same household** at each side of the net e.g. Husband & Wife playing another Husband & Wife or other family members.
- Sanitisers will be available at the entrance gate to the club, outside the back door for use on arrival and prior to departure and also at gates to courts.

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- **Members may bring visitors to play only if they are from the same household.**
- **Green fees of €7 per person per hour must be paid by visiting adult players and €4 per person per hour for junior visiting players.**
- **Please follow the protocols to the letter so that we can be in a position in 3 weeks time to further ease restrictions subject to Government rules.**

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- **The Return to Play Protocols must be adhered to if we are to continue to avoid the COVID-19 virus and play tennis safely for everyone**

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PROTOCOL NUMBER 1

Online Court Booking

- Courts must be booked online prior to coming to the club to play.
- Refer Online booking rules.
- Court booking will be based on one hour starting every hour on Courts 1, 3 & 5 and 15 minutes past the hour on Courts 2, 4 & 6 to assist with social distancing.
- Please leave the court when your hour is up to avoid meeting other players coming on to the court and exercise correct social distancing.
- If players do not turn up for a booked game on more than one occasion, their name will be removed from the online booking system for 10 days.

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Waiting for court & court access

- Players should arrive on time for games and should not gather in groups when waiting for a court.
- Please wipe down seats around the club before use as they may carry infection.
- Social distancing of at least 2m is still required.
- Sanitisers will be available beside gates to courts for use entering and leaving courts.
- Please avoid touching bins – but do use them for your rubbish.

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PROTOCOL NUMBER 3

Tennis Balls

- Tennis balls must be provided by each player and must be clearly marked with their initials or a recognisable symbol.
- Each player should use their own tennis balls for their own service game.
- Only the server should touch the tennis balls in play. Other players should not touch the tennis balls but should lift with the foot and racquet to pass them back to the server.
- Once that player's service game is over their tennis balls should be put away and the next server's tennis balls should be used.
- In this way tennis balls are not being shared thus reducing the risk of passing anything through contact with tennis balls.

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WHBTC - RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOL NUMBER 4 - Lights

- Access to court lights will not be available from 18th May 2020 until further notice.

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- Access to toilet facilities and showers will not be available from 18th May 2020 until further notice.

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PROTOCOL NUMBER 6

Social Distancing

- Please change ends at opposite sides of the net.
- Please do **not** shake hands before and after games.
- Please just tip racquets to acknowledge the other players when finishing up.
- Maintain social distance of at least 2m from all other players.
- Do not linger around the court or mix with other players coming onto the court.