

WALMER MEN'S INVITATION TOURNAMENT

COVID 19 GUIDANCE FOR TENNIS PLAYERS AND VENUES (IN LINE WITH LTA GUIDANCE)

PRE-ATTENDANCE SYMPTOM CHECK

Anyone attending the Invitation Tournament in any capacity should undergo a pre-attendance self-assessment for any COVID-19 symptoms using the information on the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> before leaving home. No-one should leave home to participate in or attend the Invitation Tournament if they, or someone they live with, has symptoms of COVID -19, currently recognised as any of the following:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste

Should an individual have demonstrated any such symptoms, they must follow NHS and PHE guidance on self-isolation

BEFORE LEAVING HOME & AFTER YOU RETURN

Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before leaving home to go to the Club (use an alcohol gel if washing hands is not possible)

Arrive at the venue changed and ready to play, and shower at home, as the Club showers will not be available for that purpose.

TRAVELLING TO AND FROM THE COURT

Arrive as close as possible before the time when you need to check in at the Tournament Office.

Use alcohol gel after touching any court gates, fences, benches, etc, and avoid doing so, where possible

Allow the players in the previous match to leave the court before you enter the court - if you need to wait, then do so away from the courts and clear of the gates

Avoid congregating on or around the court after playing in order to allow easy access for others

NHS TEST & TRACE

If an attendee at the Tournament subsequently develops symptoms of COVID-19, they are directed to follow the Government's 'test and trace' guidelines, which can be read on the Gov.uk website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> . Please also report your situation to the Club's Covid-19 official, Ryan Hockley (07957 764060 rdhockley@hotmail.co.uk) or Brian Moleshead (07747 115343 b.l.moleshead@talk21.com)

HYGIENE

Hand hygiene is imperative - hand sanitise at intervals if you have to touch communal surfaces

If you need to sneeze or cough, do so into a tissue or your upper sleeve

Avoid touching your face

MAINTAINING SOCIAL DISTANCING

Social distancing should be observed by all those attending the Tournament

Other than where players are from the same household or part of a support bubble, follow Government advice on staying alert and safe, and:

Stay at least two metres away from other players (including during play as far as possible, when taking breaks and before and after play)

Participants are advised to limit their interactions with anyone outside of those they are competing (e.g. players on other courts)

Players are encouraged not to congregate on/around the court before & after play

There should be no skin to skin contact for players. Racket taps are allowed but shaking hands or elbow alternatives are not permitted

Where the maintenance of a two-metre distance is difficult, further precautions will be put in place in line with the 'one metre plus mitigations' guidance (see the Government's advice on 'Staying safe outside your home' for more details <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-safe-outside-your-home>). All competitors must "Stay Alert" in such circumstances.

A socially distanced prize giving (in an outdoor setting) will take place at the conclusion of the Tournament, but Trophies will remain in their boxes. Players should collect their Trophies from the prize table (they will not be handed out) and, only, after collection, may the trophy be removed from its box.

EQUIPMENT

Only take the minimum amount of equipment with you to the venue that you need for the day's play

Players are advised to bring and use their own equipment – where any equipment is shared it should be subject to thorough cleaning measures between use. Players should NOT share items such as towels.

Clean and wipe down your equipment, including racquets and water bottles before and after use

New or fresh tennis balls will be provided for each match. Extra care must be taken to ensure the players do not touch their faces during play, and anyone involved in the match should thoroughly clean their hands before the match and immediately after finishing (use alcohol gel if required)

All players and spectators should bring hand sanitizer with them.

Bring a full water bottle, and do not share food or drink with others. Liquid refreshments will be available at the Club at certain times, but food will not. If players/spectators wish to eat courtside, they are permitted to bring their own food. All associated litter must be taken home.

Ensure you take all your belongings with you at the end of the session and do not leave anything on court

SPECTATING

It is intended to cordon off the area used for the Tournament (Courts 1 and 2). To facilitate "Track and Trace", spectators should register with the Covid-19 official on arrival and indicate the names of persons in their party.

Supporters, parents, and other spectators should remain socially distanced whilst attending events. Spectator groups must be restricted to discrete six person gathering limits and spread out, in line with government guidance

The Club will endeavour to mark out specific boxes/areas for this purpose

Spectators should not congregate in the clubhouse

RAIN DELAYS

In the event of rain, attendees should use an umbrella or, if they drove to the venue, return to their own vehicle. It is vital that all attendees maintain social distancing even when it is raining - there will be limited outdoor cover available.

Attendees should not gather indoors to shelter

In the event of an extended weather delay, the Tournament organisers will make an early decision with regard to the adjournment the Tournament to avoid attendees waiting around for a prolonged period

USING VENUE FACILITIES

Be aware that onsite toilet facilities will be open. Players and spectators are advised to take particular care when using the toilet facilities and to clean hands thoroughly after use

Avoid using changing rooms where possible

When the bar facilities are open, respect social distancing whilst queuing for drink.

ABOVE ALL PLEASE USE YOUR COMMON SENSE

STAY SAFE

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