

Court Etiquette

- Court booking:** Players must book a court via Court Reserve before coming down to play and must cancel the booking as soon as possible if they find they are unable to fulfil it. It is frustrating to see empty courts that could have been used by other players.
- Court priority:** League matches have priority use of the courts.
- Court behaviour:** Players must behave in a courteous manner at all times. They must not act or do anything (physically and/or orally) in a violent, threatening, intimidating, harassing or deliberately provocative way or in a way which may reasonably be interpreted as such (which interpretation may arise from the repetitive nature, cumulative effect and/or pattern of behaviour), or which is, or may reasonably be interpreted as, intended to offend, insult, humiliate, ridicule or cause harm or fear; Doing so will not be condoned and will be considered by the committee as a disciplinary matter.
- Players must not walk behind or across courts whilst a game is being played at least until the point is completed. They should wait until invited and it safe to do so. Likewise, players must not retrieve stray balls from nearby courts until the point is completed. This is a courtesy to players on court, but also for their own safety.
- During play and particularly in between games, keep conversation and noise to a reasonable volume so as not to disturb those playing nearby.
- All club members must show tolerance, courtesy, and act with integrity when interacting with other members and guests
- Dress code:** Players must wear appropriate tennis clothing. Singlets, jeans or playing bare-chested are not permitted. Footwear must be appropriate for tennis, with a non-marking sole and of a type designed not to damage the courts.
- Scoring:** It is the responsibility of the receiver to call the ball in or out, and the opponent(s) must accept the call. If the receiver is unsure, the ball must be called in. Spectators should not call the ball in or out, nor be involved in the scoring in any way.
- It is the server's responsibility to keep the score, and the score should be announced before each serve.
- If play is interrupted for some reason mid-point, then a let is called, and the point replayed.
- Where there is an umpire, such as in a Championship match, the umpire's decision is final.
- Social Tennis Play:** Club run socials are designed to allow all players who have achieved a certain level of play (the ability to serve and rally) a place to play tennis in a relaxed setting. While competitiveness is allowed in these sessions, players must moderate play to suit the standard of all of the players on court.
- Social play organisation board slots are only allowed to be populated 15 minutes prior to the start of the session. Any entries prior to this are invalid.
- By booking onto a social session, players must be able to play for the entirety of the session when making a booking through Court Reserve. Booking on with the premeditated intention of leaving early or starting late is not permitted. This is only allowed if the slot is selected within the 15-minute lead up to the social.
- Leaving social sessions early despite being booked on to play in following rounds affects the organisation of the event and others will have to re-organise to ensure matches can continue effectively. This is not courteous to the members in attendance, nor to those who could have attended the whole event.
- Repeated failure to follow expected behaviours on social play may result in an initial warning from a committee member and then the inability to book onto these sessions for a period of time as agreed by the committee.