



Ealing Lawn Tennis Club

COURT USAGE POLICY

ELTC provides courts for members Social play, Competitive play and participation in the Club's Coaching Programme.

We aim to make The Club inclusive and welcoming for all members, by spreading the opportunities to book courts according to the policy explained below.

COURT BOOKING SYSTEMS

1. Courts can be booked by an 'online booking system' or by an 'on-site paper booking system'.
2. Dome block bookings, regular coaching bookings, matches and external hire are shown on the MyCourts system.

ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM

<https://ealingtennis.mycourts.co.uk/bookings.asp>

- Online court bookings can be made up to 7 days in advance.
- When booking 7 days in advance, the new booking sheets become available at 7 am on the day when booking.
- The MYCOURTS booking system will implement fair usage policies with booking restrictions which are explained with friendly "error" messages.
- Online booking fees vary based on the day/court/time as displayed on the booking sheets.
- Members must have sufficient credit on their booking system accounts in order to book courts with fees.
- Members can top-up their booking system accounts online with a credit/debit card transactions, which are securely processed by Stripe.
- Booking fees can be shared using the facility to "transfer credit".
- Members must cancel their bookings when unable to play, and must do this as soon as possible so that other members may use the courts.
 - If the cancellation is made more than 48 hours prior, the booking fee is automatically refunded as system credit.
 - If the cancellation is made within 48 hours, the booking fee is non-refundable and shown as a "late-cancellation" charge on the member's booking system account, however, if the same court and time is rebooked by another member, this late-cancellation charge is automatically "reversed" (removed from the member's account), in other words, the booking fee is refunded as system credit.
- If a member does not take up their booking on a regular basis, they may have their ability to logon suspended.
- Members can only play in a maximum of four 30-minute slots per day
- We ask that members play singles in 60-minute slots and doubles in 90-minute slots

PAPER BOOKING SYSTEM

- Paper bookings can be made from 7am each day in the club lobby
- A court is only officially booked once it has been filled out on the paper booking system
- Bookings can only be made when all players are "ready for play". For clarity, if any player is already on court in another booking they are not "ready to play"
- Booking in advance may only be made when there is a current booking in play and all players should remain at the Club in case the current booking finishes early and they can then adjust the booking
- When making a paper booking, the players can play for a minimum of 45 minutes without having to vacate the court for the next booking.
- Should after 45 minutes there not be another booking on the court, the players may continue to play on the existing booking until such time as another booking comes on court or the game is completed. For clarity on this, after 45 minutes members should not make another booking for another 45 minutes, they should only re-book when they have had to vacate the court
- Players may use courts without booking, but may be asked to leave if an official booking has been made
- Players will be asked to leave the court if there is a regular booking (junior/adult coaching, social or team match) or if a booking has been made using the online booking system
- Adults have priority on the paper booking system and can ask a junior to leave after they have competed their 45 minute slot



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COURT BOOKING GENERAL

3. The court booking arrangements above apply only at the times where the membership category is valid
There are restrictions on the following categories: M1/M2/M3/J1/J2/J4/A/L1/S1/F
4. The exception to this is the mini tennis courts which can be booked at any time for playing with junior members
5. Additionally, members in the categories above can play at other times up to 3 times a year providing they pay a guest fee (details below)
6. Members can continue playing on their court booking if the court is free after, but must leave promptly once the following booking starts
7. During the Covid-19 period:
 - i) All courts must be booked with the online booking system
 - ii) All playing partners must appear on the booking system
 - iii) The Club cannot permit any 'walk-on' play where courts are played on but not booked
 - iv) The Club cannot permit bookings made out of restricted times 'on the day' by Coaches, J1/J2/L/F members

GUEST FEES

8. Visitors are welcome at the Club as guests of ELTC members
9. A guest may come to the Club a maximum of 3 times during a year (from April)
10. After three visits the guest must join as a regular member to continue paying at the club, paying the joining fee plus subscription from the month of joining
11. It is the responsibility of the Member to ensure the guest plays in the spirit of the game
12. The guest needs to be registered and paid for on the MyCourts booking system:
 1. Login to your MyCourts members area
 2. Book a court and press 'select opponent(s)'
 3. Under 'select partner/opponent' choose the appropriate guest fee
 4. Your balance will automatically be debited £2.50 (adults) and £1.50 (juniors) for each 30-minute slot
 5. Ensure you select all playing slots for your session
13. If you are registering and paying for a Guest Fee retrospectively or for a guest using the paper booking system:
 1. Login to your MyCourts members area
 2. Select 'transfer credit' on the left-hand side panel
 3. Under 'select member to transfer credit' choose 'guest fee paid after'
 4. Input the appropriate fee into the 'amount to transfer'
 5. Include the guest name under 'memo' and press 'submit'

COACHING GENERAL

14. Club Coaching Programme regular court bookings are made through The Club
15. Members individual coaching sessions should always be booked by the coach
16. The Coach must inform the Club to release any regular court bookings if they are not being used
17. The Coach must release any ad-hoc coaching bookings themselves if they are not being used
18. Club Coaches cannot book ad hoc courts for coaching at the following times, unless they have a regular booking made by The Club
Monday – Thursday after 19:00
Saturday and Sunday between 11:00 and 18:00



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JUNIORS

19. Juniors have access to play on the Junior Coaching Programme
20. Juniors can play on the mini tennis courts at all times
21. Juniors (other than the Coaching Only Category) will have equal booking rights as adults for all other courts at the following times:
 22. Monday – Friday until 19:00
 23. Saturday and Sunday until 12:00
24. When using the paper booking system, Juniors can book at any time with adults having priority
25. A Junior can play with a regular playing adult member at any time

PARENT/GUARDING PLAYING MEMBERS

26. A parent/guardian playing member can book and play with their children at the following times:
 - Monday – Friday until 18:00
 - Saturday – Sunday until 11:00

TOURNAMENTS, LEAGUES AND CLUB MATCHES

27. Internal matches can be booked using the court booking systems
28. For the Club Annual Summer Tournament, there are temporary arrangements announced at the start of the tournament to allow 3 set matches to be completed uninterrupted
29. Courts for inter-club matches will be booked in advance through The Club
30. Members competing in external leagues can book courts through MyCourts or in advance with the Club and are required to pay a guest fee

COURT ETIQUETTE AND DRESS

31. Play in the spirit of the game
32. Treat other members with respect
33. Recognised tennis clothing and shoes must be worn by all players
34. When going on court all players should try to enter at the same time to minimise the disruption of play on other courts
35. If balls stray onto adjoining courts, wait for the adjoining court's players to return the balls rather than walking on or behind the court
36. If balls from the adjoining court enter the court, please return these reasonably promptly
37. The clay courts should always be dragged after use
38. Under no circumstances should anything be left on the court or its surrounds (including balls) at the end of a game

(Up-to-date as of: 06/2020 - Court Usage Policy will be reviewed periodically)