



## Doubles Players' Protocol

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This Doubles Protocol is an adjunct to the broader players' protocol, which is available on the Covid 19 section of the Court Booker.

This protocol builds on the Ulster Tennis Guidance which was published on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020. This allows both singles and doubles play with people from outside your own household. The key elements of reducing the spread of Covid 19 remain. They are: - **Good Hand Hygiene – Respiratory Etiquette- Social Distancing**. Therefore, it is important that you and your household are well before you consider coming to the Club.

*You should stay at home if you: -*

- *Have been in contact with someone with Covid 19 in the last 14 days;*
- *Have been overseas or exposed to someone with Covid 19 in the last 14 days;*
- *Have flu-like symptoms or are feeling unwell.*

### Before Leaving Home

- You must have booked a court online which displays all 4 names of those who intend to play; this is important in case "track and trace" is required;
- Bring your own marked tennis balls – **no more than two please**;
- Bring your own water bottle which can be filled from the outside tap, if required;
- Arrive in the attire you intend to play in as the **facilities in Tennis Club remain closed**; and
- Travel to the club in your own car or with members of your own household.

### Arriving at the Club

- You must be a member of the Club; no visitors are allowed to play;
- Sanitise your hands at the sanitising station; and
- Head straight to the designated court.

### Playing Doubles Tennis

- It is recommended that you remain at least 1 metre apart
- Maintain social distancing, especially when changing ends and entering and exiting the court;
- It is recommended that you change ends at opposite sides of the net;
- Only use your own two balls to serve;
- To pick up other balls, use your racquet or foot to return them;
- If a ball goes out of bounds, please retrieve it immediately;
- If a child/teenager is playing and is under 16 years of age, a parent or guardian must supervise that person;
- Do not leave any rubbish on court, please bring it home with you; and
- You should remain at least 1 metre apart from your doubles partner and the opposition when you are taking a break.

### When Play Finishes

- Please leave the court immediately;
- Sanitise your hands on the way out; there is also a surface cleaner available if you wish to spray your racquet and tennis balls;
- Using new balls on a regular basis is encouraged.

If you have any questions about the above protocol, please contact the Club by email on [covid@windsortennis.co.uk](mailto:covid@windsortennis.co.uk)