



Mullingar Tennis & Badminton Club

Dear Members

From Monday 18th May we will be re-opening the Club, initially for tennis only, under protocols as set out by Tennis Ireland in compliance with Government directions. Understandably, it will not be a return to play as usual and all of us will be required to adhere strictly to the protocols for our own personal health and safety as well as that of other club members but also because failure to do so could result in closure.

Before outlining what all of this means for us getting back to the sport we love, we need to address the issue of the annual membership subscription, which was due on April 1st and without which the club will not be in a position to meet its financial commitments. It has been decided that a discount will be applied to this year's subscription. This is conditional on payment being received by the deadline of **12th June 2020**. Payment can be made using one of the usual options. Please contact the Membership Secretary if you have any queries. The following are the discounted subscription rates:
Family €240; Senior €160; Senior 65+ €80; Students/Juniors €60; Under 7 €15

Now to address the key elements of the return to play protocols for Mullingar Tennis Club:

1. Club Covid-19 Committee.

The club has established a Covid-19 Committee under the direction of our President who will monitor compliance with the protocols and manage the roadmap to get us safely back to full participation.

2. Club Access

To access the courts in this phase of the reopening, a player must:

- Be a current member
- Have a pre-booked playing time
- Be under 70 years of Age
- A parent/guardian must accompany any player under 18 years
- Not have been out of the country in the last 14 days
- Not have been around someone with symptoms of Covid-19 in the last 14 days
- Not be in a period of self-isolation and/or cocooning under the current Health Policy Rules - - Not be displaying COVID-19 symptoms
- **Live within a 5km radius of the club**

3. Booking and Arrival/Departure

- Court booking will be via the Court Booking System **only**. Should you experience any difficulties with the system please send an email to the following address:
administrator@mullingartennisandbadminton.ie
- Play will be limited to **Singles Only** until a later phase in the roadmap. The only exception to this is if players are from the same household.
- **All players**, not just the player making the booking, **must be listed on the Court Booking System** in the Booking Title space provided. This is a requirement for any possible contact tracing. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the booking being cancelled.
- On arrival enter using the keypad at the gate (**making sure to fully close the gate when entering and leaving**) and then sanitise your hands using the hand sanitiser inside the gate on the wall.
- You arrive no more than 5 minutes before your booked playing slot making sure to maintain social distancing with anyone else present. You should only proceed to your court 5 minutes after the scheduled start time and you will need to vacate your court 5 minutes before the scheduled finish time. In this way, a 10 minutes space will be created to allow free access to and from the courts by

players arriving/leaving.

- The direction for access to the Courts will be signposted. Please follow the directions for your pre-booked court.

- Players should sanitise their hands at the dispensers provided at the entrance to the courts (one for the upper courts and one for the lower courts).

4. On Court

- Players should observe physical distancing and should change ends by passing the net post to the right.

- Each player should have their **own set of clearly marked tennis balls**, using their own when their turn to serve.

5. Clubhouse

- There will be no access to the clubhouse and toilet facilities therefore you should use toilet facilities before you leave home.

- As all litterbins have been removed, it is imperative that players ensure that they take away any litter (bottles, cans, papers, etc.) with them.

While these protocols will place a significant restriction on club members, you will appreciate the need for all of these measures both to meet our legal obligations and to ensure the health and safety of members. Compliance is essential if we are to safely progress to the next stage on the roadmap to a full reopening of the club and its facilities.

Honorary Secretary

13th May 2020