



Return to tennis at Serpell Tennis Club

Effective 31 October 2020

The following outlines the plan to ensure that the Serpell Tennis Club (**the Club**) can operate in a safe and welcoming manner following the recent easing of COVID-19 restrictions. The plan, which will minimise the risk to members in playing tennis, complies with Manningham Council (**the Council**), Sports & Recreation Victoria and Tennis Victoria guidelines. It also addresses what will take place when there are breaches or a positive test result of members, or their families.

Also set out below are our coach, Paul Baldwin Tennis Coaching's guidelines which have been approved by the Club.

SERPELL TENNIS CLUB

General Guidelines:

1. Only members can play. The courts are NOT available to guests or non-members.
2. Members must stay at home if they have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days or have even mild flu-like symptoms.
3. Please cover your coughs and sneezes with your elbow.
4. Members must maintain social distancing of at least 1.5 metres and there can be no more than one player or spectator per 4 square metres.
5. The clubhouse can only be accessed to utilise toilets, if there is an emergency or absolutely necessary, and first aid facilities. There will be no gatherings or socialising in the clubhouse.
6. Members must vacate the court area as soon as their playing session has concluded.
7. Parents are encouraged to remain in their cars when dropping off or collecting children and whilst their children are playing (they may escort their children if they are young). If parents do wish to observe their children they may do so from the areas north of the courts.
8. Members, children or parents are encouraged not to assemble on the clubhouse balcony.
9. Toilets will be accessible if it is an emergency or absolutely necessary.
10. All players are to use their own tennis racquets. Sharing or lending of racquets is prohibited.
11. Players should only play if the courts are within 25 kilometres of their home.

Court usage:

1. The Serpell Tennis Club courts are structured in 3 pairs of courts, with boundary fences between each pair of courts. Each pair of courts will be limited to a maximum of 8 occupants at any time for members.
2. Entry and exit to each pair of courts will be limited to one gate. The gate is to remain unlocked during playing times and ajar so that entry and exit can be facilitated with the foot, racquet, forearm or shoulder- but not hands.
3. Each pair of courts will have a hand sanitiser station and all members will be required to use hand sanitiser as they enter and exit the courts.
4. Players will be asked to maintain social distancing and not to shake hands, embrace or physically make contact with others.
5. Balls should be returned from other courts without using hands (hit with racquet or kicked with foot).

6. Gates and padlocks are to be wiped with disinfectant at the end of each day.
7. Bagging of courts will not be required by members or guests (they will be bagged by the Committee of Management (**committee**) or coaches at relevant intervals).
8. Drinking fountains will be decommissioned. Players are able to bring their own drinks onto court but must ensure they taken with them when they leave.

Register of Play/ Requirements of play:

1. Players **MUST** book a court online before they play giving details of the name of players, a contact number for each, the date and time they want to play.
2. Other than between 3pm-7pm on Monday to Friday, and subject to availability, members can book for one or two hours (2 separate bookings are needed for 2 hour bookings). Between 3-7pm on Monday to Friday only one hour bookings are permitted. Members are required to vacate the court at 5 minutes before the end of their booking time. That is, if you book for 2-3pm. you **MUST** finish at 2.55pm.
3. As usual, priority will be given to coaching for the use of 3 courts (courts 1-3) during coaching times.
4. Members will be billed for light use at a subsequent time to avoid the use of cash.
5. Courts will **NOT** be available to guests and will **NOT** be rented to non-members.

Positive Test to COVID-19:

1. If any member or member of their family tests positive to COVID-19 the committee will ascertain if and when they were most recently at the courts.
2. The Club will close the courts and clubhouse immediately unless it can be definitively confirmed the person who tested positive has not been at the courts in the prior 14 days.
3. All members will be notified of a positive testing.
4. If a parent/family member of an adult or child who has played or been coached in the past 14 days tests positive to COVID-19 the courts and clubhouse will be immediately closed and all members will be notified.
5. In the above situations, the Club will contact and liaise with the Council and Tennis Victoria.
6. The Club will undertake any other actions as required by government or Tennis Victoria.
7. Members or those coached who have tested positive or shown COVID-19 symptoms will be able to return to playing or to the courts if they have a relevant medical clearance certificate.

Breach of these requirements:

1. Where there is a minor breach of the above requirements such as a minor breach of social distancing, the member or family member (such as parent observing their child playing) will be warned by the committee, asked to stop their match or leave the courts and court area immediately.
2. For repeat breaches or more serious breaches, the member or family member will be asked to stop their match or leave the courts and court area immediately. Further, a specially formed COVID-19 Breach Committee will consider details of the breach and determine the appropriate action to be taken. Such action can include suspension or cancellation of a membership or a ban imposed for a certain period on a guest or family member of a member.

Members are reminded to consider using the Australian Government COVID-19 contact tracing app.

PAUL BALDWIN TENNIS COACHING GUIDELINES

The guidelines apply to both junior and adult coaching. They are to be considered in conjunction with the Club guidelines which will be provided to the parent/guardian of juniors or to adults coached.

RETURN TO COACHING

- Advice to parents is please keep your children at home if they or their children are experiencing flu like symptoms.
- If you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days you must also stay at home.
- All safe distancing practices to be adhered to at all times.
- These include being 1.5 metres apart at all times and adhering to 1 person per 4metre squared.
- All coaches to enforce the above.

ATTENDING COACHING CLASS

- Only the child participating in the lesson is allowed on court.
- All participants must arrive and leave as close to start and finishing times as possible.
- 1 parent/guardian of a young child is allowed outside of venue as per Child Safety Guidelines.
- No hand shakes or high fives.
- All players are to enter through the closest open gate to the relevant coaching court.
- All players exit through the same gate at the end of lesson.
- There will be at least a 5 minute interval between classes to ensure there is no overlap of players on the court.

HYGIENE

- All players must wash/sanitise hands before entering courts.
- If you have your own hand wash please bring it with you.
- Only the coach is allowed to dispense hand sanitiser if you don't have your own.
- Supplied hand wash from your coach may only be applied by your coach before entering the courts.
- Hands must be washed/sanitised before leaving the courts as per above guidelines.
- Each coach will have 2 baskets of balls alternating at the end of each lesson.
- Pick up sticks are to be clearly numbered and applicable to a court number. Pick up sticks must not change courts.
- No students are allowed to pick up balls or pick up sticks at any time. This will be done by the coaches.
- Social distancing and hygienic behaviours to be adhered to at all times eg.,cover your coughs and sneezes with your elbow, no shared water bottles and adhering to 1 person per 4metre squared.
- No sharing of equipment.

CLUBHOUSE AND TOILET

- The toilet will be open for students to use if an emergency or absolutely necessary, all other parts of the clubhouse will remain closed.
- Students or their parents will not have any access to the clubhouse apart from the use of the external toilets as allowed (see above).

CLEANING

- All equipment and surrounds will be thoroughly cleaned as per the clubs cleaning/hygiene policy.

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

- All customer contact information is contained securely in my Tennis Biz Programme.
- All clients/customers must adhere to the above guidelines as well as Club Return to Play Policy.
- All customers will receive a copy of the Return To Coaching Policy.
- Any policy breaches will be dealt with in accordance with the club policy.

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