

Exning Tennis Club

Code of Conduct and Court Etiquette

We are very keen to ensure Exning Tennis Club is a friendly and all-inclusive club for members, guests, visitors and those receiving coaching. Set in the glorious parkland we are especially careful to both enjoy and protect the environment of our club surroundings. Please welcome all new players regardless of ability.

Leave the courts free of litter, collect in tennis balls for other players to use and don't let the frustrations of the game make you an unpleasant person to play with.

Social Play

The club is for members only and individuals receiving coaching on the premises. It is club policy that no courts can be booked by members. If there are members waiting to play on occupied courts the players must play a set and allow those waiting to replace them on the court.

The policy on club nights is to play doubles with a decision on who plays made through "selection by playing cards" that decides who plays in a given four. Nine game matches with short deuce are played, and the next four players replace those who have vacated the court.

Court Etiquette

The following is an extract from British Tennis website on court etiquette which reflects our approach.

Please do not walk behind players whilst a game, a rally or coaching is in progress, this is to avoid distracting other members and most importantly to avoid any potential accidents on court.

If you are trying to cross a court, please wait until you are invited to and it is safe to do so or use one of the other entrance gates around the courts.

If a stray ball comes onto your court don't knock it back immediately, wait until the owners are ready and then hit it to the server's end.

During play and particularly between games, keep the amount and volume of conversation down to play and enjoy your own games. Too much chatter can be disturbing to those playing nearby and, in between games, can hold up play for people waiting.

Only call the lines on your side of the net.

Call clearly and firmly what you see and what you honestly believe to be correct.

If you are not absolutely certain or didn't see the ball clearly, the ball was IN and must be given in the opponent's favour or by agreement re-play the point.

If occasionally you have serious doubts as to your opponent's eye-sight, ask politely if they are certain as to the accuracy of their call. If they say that they are, get on with the next point.

Do not criticise your partner or opponent, be positive and offer encouragement instead.

Overall, use your best judgement and we all want to be competitive but don't let your emotions get on top of you!

Respect and Behaviour

All club members must show tolerance, courtesy, good manners, fairness, honesty and integrity in their dealings with club members, guests, playing and social visitors.

Equality

The club is opposed to discrimination in any form. All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, culture, background, religious beliefs or sexual identity. All club members have a responsibility to make everyone feel welcome and to ensure that membership of the club is a positive experience.

Safety and Responsibility

All club members will act responsibly and look to protect and ensure the safety of everyone at the club at all times and particularly to consider the well-being and care of junior players and visitors.

Fair Play

All club members will respect the rules of tennis and address disputes with dignity and appropriate language.

Club Reputation

All club members should endeavour to protect and further the club's good reputation at all times. When representing the club, all players and committee members will observe the principles in this Code of Conduct.

Resolving Differences

All club members will endeavour to resolve differences in between the parties involved. If this is not possible appropriate reference to the Welfare Officer or Committee members should suffice to resolve most issues.