Oxford University Tennis Club

Court Safety & Club Etiquette



COURT SAFETY

Club Disclaimer

Games involving heavy balls travelling at speed on a hard court carry various dangers. The Club has identified potential health and safety issues that may arise during play. These are available for viewing on the Club's website. All members and their guests play at their own risk

Court Condition

Occasionally, the court surface becomes dangerous to play upon when it "sweats" due to humidity and temperature. Please do not play if this occurs. If you are unable to play due to the court sweating, please advise the professionals who will ensure that you are not charged.

Safety Goggles

The Club recommends the use of safety goggles. These are available to borrow free of charge and are located in the cupboard at the entrance to the court.

First Aid Box

The first aid box is located beside the court in the cupboard by the net

Defibrillator

There is a defibrillator located at the entrance to the court. Andrew Davis and Craig Greenhalgh are fully trained in its use. There are also clear instructions for use by the machine. Formal training on its use is arranged periodically. Please advise the professionals if you would like to be included in the next session.

Injury Record

Should any player receive an injury, the details must be written in the Accident Book, located in the gallery of the court or at the entrance of the Clubhouse. The completed form should be given to the professionals. Serious injury or injury requiring immediate hospital treatment must be reported as soon as possible to either the professionals, the Club President or the Committee member responsible for Health and Safety.

COURT & CLUB ETIQUETTE

Safety

Whilst not contrary to the game's rules, for safety's sake, please do not force directly for the dedans from anywhere in front of the service line at the hazard end. Under no circumstances should a ball that has gone out of play be struck back over the net as the player at the other end may well have their back turned.

Clothing

All white clothing is preferred at all times, but particularly so if playing in a Club, league or cup match.

Booking on-line

On-line bookings can be made up to three weeks in advance. The new booking sheet goes on-line each Monday morning. On the Monday, you are allowed to book one court for that week. From the Tuesday, you may book as many courts as you wish

When booking on-line, should you wish to play against an opponent where the handicap difference is greater than 6, the professionals or prospective opponent should be contacted in advance for their agreement except when drawn in competition.

Court time and waiting to play

Court time is determined by the clock in the dedans. If you are waiting to play, please allow the players coming off court sufficient time to do so. Players on court should finish play promptly regardless of the score in their match if there are players waiting to come on court.

Recording your scores

Please record your match scores in the Results Book in the Clubroom and include the handicap played off where appropriate.

Clubroom, changing room and left items

Please leave the Clubroom in good order, having washed up any crockery, cutlery, glasses and utensils used. Please also leave the changing room in good order. Any items left in the changing room will be collected each Monday morning and will be kept for a maximum of one month before being disposed of.

Parking

Please note that parking outside the Pro's shop is strictly forbidden.