ASHFORD TABLE TENNIS CLUB - COVID-19 RETURN TO PLAY

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. INTRODUCTION

Following our previous communication we are pleased to confirm the club is re-opening with limited hours from Saturday 25 July.

In order to protect the safety and well-being of all members, we are required to follow guidance from the Government, Table Tennis England along with any from WR Sports that are pertinent.

Some of the measures may seem excessive but they have been introduced for the safety of you, your fellow players and also members of all the clubs at the site.

We will keep things under review and as the guidance changes we will adapt an may be able to relax some of these measures over time.

Please read and digest the following information and ask in the event of any questions.

Initially there will be a "Hall supervisor" on site to oversee operations and to ensure compliance with the guidelines.

When making a booking you are agreeing to follow these terms and conditions.

2. ATTENDANCE

If you or any member of your household show signs of being unwell you **must not** attend the Club.

Admission to the club will only be granted to members who have booked a table in advance (see BOOKING section below).

Booking slots will be 1hour with a 15 minute gap between bookings, please don't arrive early or leave late to avoid unnecessary contact with others.

Initially only members can use the facility, no guests for the time being.

We will review the policy re guests / non-members after 2 weeks.

Even if a table is free, if you have not booked you will be turned away.

For any Juniors attending they may have a parent / guardian on site for safeguarding purposes.

Only 2 players per table permitted, no doubles – even for members of the same household

Timings must be adhered to – if you are late in arriving the session will still end at the set time, irrespective of any minutes left on the light meter.

One to one coaching is available, subject to the rules outlined in these terms and conditions, but group coaching sessions are not yet available.

Club officers will be allowed entry un-booked, but not allowed to play without a booking.

3. BOOKING A SESSION

Initially every member of Ashford TTC can book a maximum of one, 1 hour slot each week.

Bookings can be made up to 7 days in advance

Bookings may be cancelled at any stage without penalty/cost, however please cancel as early as possible so the slot can be made available for other players to book in good time.

Players can invite one other member of the club to play with them for the 60 minute slot. This person can be any member or coach from the club.

Play must be singles only, no doubles and the TTE social distancing guidelines must be followed.

Depending on the level of demand and the amount of table availability the committee may change any aspect of these arrangements at any time to ensure all members have as much and as fair access table time as possible.

When making a booking, you are committing to adhere to these terms and conditions.

4. UPON ARRIVAL

Please arrive around 5 minutes ahead of your allocated hour. If you arrive on site earlier than that please wait in your car / outside the venue.

Upon arrival in the building you must advise the staff in the bar area who are keeping a record of all members on site. These details will be retained for 3 weeks for "track and trace" purposes in the event of anyone falling ill with COVID 19 symptoms.

Enter via the usual door at the "office end" of the hall.

You will be met by a 'Hall supervisor', a club volunteer that we are required to provide to ensure social distancing and hygiene processes are followed. Please follow their instructions at all times.

Enter the names of players (plus parents / guardians where applicable) on the ATTC register provided within the hall.

You must bring your own sanitiser and sanitise your hands just prior to entering the hall.

Protective face masks are not required, however members may choose to wear them.

There will not be any changing / shower facilities available at the site. The toilets are of course open.

Members must bring their own water / other drinks in suitable containers.

You must arrive in playing kit except clean playing shoes, which may be changed into in the hall. Wearing something (e.g. track suit) over playing kit when arriving is acceptable. You should be ready to start play at the allotted time.

Bags should be left on one of the chairs within each court area. Towels and any drinks containers must be kept within the bag.

The court barriers should not be touched unless absolutely necessary, and if so they need to be cleaned where they have been handled.

£1 coins for the light meters are needed as usual, change will not be available at the club

5. PLAYING

Players must use their own bats, bat borrowing will not be allowed.

Players must not breathe on their bats to warm them up or for wiping clean, or breathe on balls. They must not remove sweat from their hands by wiping them on the tables, walls or any other surfaces except their own towels.

Ensure TT balls are cleaned regularly.

Players should remain at the same end of the table throughout the session.

No hand-shakes or elbow tapping, or any other type of contact, with 2 meter distancing maintained.

6. AT END OF SESSION

When the session is finished, players to wipe their side of the table with a little mild soapy water (sprays of this will be provided) and dried.

All players must leave the building via the side door. Players should leave within 5 (absolute maximum 10) minutes of the session ending.

If anyone who has attended the Centre falls ill with the COVID 19 symptoms within 2 weeks of attending they must advise the Club urgently.

7. GENERAL

Any member who fails to comply with the terms of conditions or fails to follow the instructions of the “Hall supervisor” will not be able to book future sessions.

Persistent offenders could face disciplinary action, possibly culminating in expulsion from the club.