

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR HATFIELD PEVEREL TENNIS COURTS

Hatfield Peverel Parish Council wishes to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all users of the tennis courts. The following rules emphasize respect, fair play, appropriate attire, and adherence to the rules of the game, with specific guidelines for behaviour on and off the court.

General Conduct & Etiquette:

- **Courts are to be used for tennis only:** - no other sports or activities are permitted
- **Fair Play:** Players should always exhibit sportsmanship and fair play, both on and off the court
- **Respect for Other Players:** Be considerate of other players, especially when changing ends or walking alongside the court
- **Appropriate Attire:** Appropriate sports clothing and footwear is essential and required when on court
- **Behaviour:** No inappropriate language or behaviour on or around the courts is permitted
- **No Music or Loud Noises:** Avoid playing music or making excessive noise on the courts. Please see Noise Management Plan
- **No Smoking:** Smoking is prohibited within court boundaries including e-cigarettes and/or vaping
- **Animals:** Animals are generally not allowed on the courts, with exceptions for service animals
- **Food:** No food is allowed within the tennis courts
- **Drinks:** No drinks other than water are to be taken on the courts
- **Chewing Gum:** Chewing gum is strictly prohibited on the courts
- **Litter:** Please take litter home or dispose of properly in designated bins on the recreation ground
- **Miscellaneous Items:** No personal chairs or tables of any sort are allowed within the tennis courts
- **Mobile Phones:** Keep mobile phones switched off or on silent mode whilst on the courts
- **Be Quiet:** Maintain a quiet demeanour whilst on the courts and in the surrounding area. Please see Noise Management Plan
- **Arrive Promptly:** Arrive at the courts in plenty of time to be ready to play promptly, and ensure the gate is properly closed. Please see the online booking platform
- **Leaving the Court:** Players should take all their belongings including rackets and balls with them and ensure the courts are left tidy and within the time frame given when booking the court/s and the gate is properly closed. Please see the online booking platform
- **Follow the LTA Code of Conduct:** Players should be familiar with and adhere to the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) Code of Conduct

Specific Court Rules:

- **Court Safety:** Players should check the court for any debris or hazards before beginning play and report any damage to Hatfield Peverel Parish Council
- **Court Access:** Non-players and the public are not allowed inside the courts' enclosure
- **Booking and Reservations:** Courts require booking in advance, and players should adhere to any booking rules or regulations. Please retain your booking pin number and use your booking confirmation as proof if the court is not available
- **Supervision:** Children under the age of thirteen must be supervised by a parent or an adult aged eighteen or over
- **Coaching:** Only allowed through the Parish Council's appointed Coach

Safe to Play Checks:

- Weather forecast before booking
- Players use the courts at their own risk and are asked to apply common sense in looking out for themselves and other players

If any of Hatfield Peverel Parish Council's above guidance or terms are breached, then the Parish Council reserves the right to cancel any bookings without refund

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Thank you