

Membership Form



Applicant Information

Date of application:

Name(s):

Address:

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Email:

Tel. (landline): (mobile):

By ticking this box, you acknowledge you have read, understand, and shall adhere to the attached *COVID-18 Return To Play, as issued by Tennis Ireland.**

By ticking this box, you consent to be contacted by Hazelwood Tennis Club. Please note that your details will be kept in the strictest confidence and not shared with third parties.

Chosen **annual** membership scheme, commencing **April, 2021**

Adult €60 Family €120 Student €30 Child €25

Nominated member(s), i.e. yourself or others, if application on their behalf

Adults

Children

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Post cheque to:

Hazelwood Tennis Club
c/o Michael Cronin,
Ballybrack,
Doneraile

Direct payment:

Bank: Bank of Ireland
Account name: Hazelwood Tennis
Club Company
Account #: 23368203
Branch code: 90-28-80
Bank Identifier: BOFII2D
IBAN: IE86 BOFI 9028 8023 3682 03

* https://www.tennisireland.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Clubs_ReturnToPlay_Sept21.pdf

Return to Play

Introduction

The government has agreed Ireland's plan for the next and final phase of our response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thanks to the hard work of the Irish people and the progress of our vaccination programme, we, as a country, are now in a position to change our approach to the ongoing management of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thanks to the success of the vaccination programme, we are seeing the majority of restrictions lifted and replaced by guidance and advice to enable us to work together to protect ourselves and to live our lives to the fullest extent possible.

We will need to continue to monitor the ongoing risk from the disease and take steps individually and collectively in our everyday lives to keep this risk under control.

The government has agreed that during the period between 1 September and 22 October, we can continue our careful and gradual approach to reopening, while supporting maximum reach of the vaccine programme and allowing time to achieve the full benefits for all those currently being vaccinated.

We have learned a lot over the last 12 months and these learnings are informing our ongoing approach:

- The power to control the level of transmission is in our hands — individually and collectively
- People in Ireland and within our sport are willing to follow public health advice to protect themselves and others
- Cooperation and solidarity across our sport is vital if this disease is to be contained
- No single preventative measure is adequate to control virus transmission — what matters is a combination
- There is an ongoing need to minimise the risk of cases/clusters and respond decisively when new threats/clusters emerge
- If the disease spreads in the community, it will have the greatest impact on the vulnerable and this will impact our members, many of whom are of an older age profile
- Rapid identification and contact tracing of new cases is central to the government's response

The Republic of Ireland, as a country, is moving to reopen society once again.

To this end, a new plan has been developed to help us to go about our daily lives as much as possible, while managing the behaviour of the virus.

The plan recognises the need for society and business to be allowed to reopen albeit with restrictions.

The Government's strategy, in line with the public health advice, is suppression.

In response to the Government's plan our team, in consultation with Sport Ireland and the Department of Sport Return to Sport Expert Group have developed a framework of guidance that are specific to Tennis in the Republic of Ireland.

Please note that the new protocols are due to come into effect from September 20th 2021. Any further updates will be communicated to clubs directly.

Clubs and their members must make themselves aware of and implement the measures contained within the framework to help safeguard staff and members. This will allow all of us to play safely and keep our communities safe while the threat of COVID-19 exists.

This document is designed to allow individuals, families, coaches, and club administrators to

better understand, anticipate, and prepare for and implement the measures to prevent an escalation in the transmission of the disease.

Our measures, procedures and timings are under constant review and updated as advice from Government, health authorities and governing bodies evolves in line with the gradual lifting of social restrictions.

Safe every step of the way

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This guide has been updated in consultation with medical experts and in line with Government and Sport Ireland protocols.

The guidance outlined should be in place until further notice.

Key Changes

The key amendments from the previous version of this document and which come into being from September 20th are:

o Indoor courts can reopen for casual and competitive singles and doubles play and group training in pods of 6 per court (excluding coaches / adult leaders). The number of pods allowable is based on the number of courts at the venue. (One pod per court)

- Changing rooms and showers can reopen
- There are no restrictions on group training pod sizes for outdoor activities.
- Where applicable, spectator attendance will remain in line with regulations for events.



1. Club Covid-19 Committee

- Tennis Clubs should continue to assign a COVID-19 Officer responsible for managing issues and queries relating to COVID-19. The Officer should work with the main club committee to:
 - Check with their insurers if any amendments to club policies are required to cover COVID-19 issues.
 - Ensure that the club can comply with all the protocols outlined before re opening their indoor facilities.
 - Ensure that regular and recorded cleaning protocols are enacted within the club.
 - Ensure that the club and its members adhere to HSE / Public Health advice in all cases.
 - Ensure that sufficient HSE COVID -19 information Posters are in place
 - Ensure that a court booking system to manage play is in place.
 - Ensure that the club maintains accurate records of who is playing and when. This should include all persons on court and not just the one making the booking. This should be carried out for coaching sessions as well. This will help with contact tracing if necessary.
 - Ensure that the contact details for all members are up to date as this will assist with contact tracing should it be necessary
 - Listen to feedback and contact Tennis Ireland if there are any queries.

2. Club Access

- Access to all areas of the clubhouse is now permitted.
- Face masks should still be worn when indoors unless eating or drinking.
- Courts can be accessed by members and visitors.
- Children should be supervised as per safeguarding protocols
- Players displaying COVID-19 symptoms should remain away from the club until the symptoms have dissipated or a COVID test has been carried out.

3. Booking and Arrival

- Booking a court time in advance is advisable, preferably via a court booking system, website, app, or phone. This will assist should contact tracing be required subsequently.
- All players, including visitors, should ensure the club has their up-to-date contact details (phone and email).
- Indoor courts can be used for casual or competitive singles play or doubles play from September 20th.
- All players, and not just the player making the booking, should be included in the booking notes. If there is a change to who is playing, it is advisable to make sure the booking is updated.
- It is recommended that players should consider the risks of carpooling. If carpooling is unavoidable, face masks should be worn.
- Players utilising indoor courts should continue to observe social distancing.
- Locker rooms and showers can open from September 20th, however they should operate at 50% of their normal capacity to ensure that users can physically distance.
- Players should continue sanitise their hands using dispensers provided at the entrance to the club and courts.

4. Check-in and Club Shop Protocol

- Facemasks should continue to be worn when indoors.
- The use of a protection screen at counters is still recommended.
- Club shops should be mindful of the protocols for this sector.
- Food and beverage items can be made available to patrons at the club.
- Club vending machines should be subject to regular cleaning protocols.

5. Clubhouse Facilities

- Protocols for cleaning club facilities, such as toilets and locker rooms, should be in place.
- Changing rooms and showers are allowed to reopen subject to adequate cleaning protocols.
- It is recommended that changing rooms should operate at a maximum of 50% capacity to ensure physical distancing.
- Clubs with restaurants and bars can open these facilities in compliance with Faillte Ireland Operating Protocols which can be downloaded at <https://covid19.failteireland.ie/operational-guidelines/>
- Facemasks should still be worn while indoors.
- **Indoor meetings:** All club committee meetings in the Republic of Ireland should continue to be held remotely or outdoors unless all participants are considered immune (i.e., fully vaccinated or recovered from COVID-19 within previous 6 months) in which case meetings can take place indoors at 60% of venue capacity.
- Where members have mixed immunity status, indoor meetings will not be permitted – the Government have signaled Oct 22nd as a date on which this may change. We will advise in advance if that is the case.

6. To the Court

- The restrictions relating to outdoor play will be removed from September 20th.
- Casual and competitive singles and doubles, is allowed on indoor courts from September 20th
- Courts that are side by side can be utilised.
- Players should still enter the court one at a time and touch points such as gate handles should be cleaned regularly.
- Rubbish bins and other court furniture can be displayed courtside.

7. Indoor Courts

- Given that most indoor structures have one entrance or exit it is recommended that a one in / one out system is applied.
- The staggering of times for court bookings may also help to ensure that there is no congregation at entrances.
- Entrances to indoor courts, particularly air domes should be cleaned regularly and a protocol for cleaning all touch points on a regular basis should be in place.
- Operators should also ensure that there is adequate signage and sanitising stations both at the entrances to indoor courts and at courtside.
- Players should also bring and only use their own towels and drinks and sanitising gel.
- Nobody but the players, coaches or officials should be allowed in the indoor court area.
- There should be no spectators present during this phase of reopening of indoor courts.
- Physical distancing must be observed throughout the period of play, particularly on change of ends and entering and exiting the court.
- Those not playing, officials, adult leaders etc should wear masks when indoors.

8. On the Court – Playing

- Physical Distancing should be observed throughout the period of play, particularly on change of ends.
- Players should still refrain from handshakes and high fives.
- Equipment such as towels, food, and drink should not be exchanged between players.
- Players should ideally bring a small bottle of hand sanitizer with them and keep it in their pocket or bag for use.
- Caution is advised for those who intend to engage in high intensity training following a recovery from COVID-19. Individuals should seek medical advice prior to a return to play.

9. On the Court – Coaching

- Coaches should always prepare and present a Risk Assessment document and get approval to coach from the Club Committee.
- Coaching sessions should be booked with the participants contact details recorded.
- Coaches should brief their students and/or their parents of the protocols that should be followed in advance of the session.
- Coaches should ensure all players have registered their contact details with the venue club.
- As much as possible, coaches must try to adjust their schedules to stay on-site for the minimum amount of time required.
- A pod, up to a maximum of 6 players (Junior or Adult) can be coached per indoor court.
- One pod per indoor court is allowable.
- There are no restrictions on pod sizes for outdoor courts
- All activities should still be mindful of social distancing.

10. Staying Safe After Play

- Once play has finished, players should sanitise their hands on the way out using a courtside dispenser.
- Club locker rooms and showers can open for use.
- Clubs with restaurants and bars should only open these facilities in compliance with Faite Ireland Operating Protocols which can be downloaded at <https://COVID19.faiteirland.ie/operational-guidelines/>
- If a player or visitor to the club becomes unwell, they should first contact their GP/HSE and then inform their club.

11. Competitions

- Indoor Competitive activities are allowed from September 20th subject to strict protocols. Guidance in this regard is available from Tennis Ireland.
- As always, players will have to accept the Tournament Rules and Regulations as a Condition of Entry.
- Only online entries and payments should be accepted. This will aid Contact tracing if necessary.
- Participants, officials, and support personnel should not attend if unwell.
- The use of changing rooms and showers is allowed from September 20th.
- Additional signage, hand sanitising stations and cleaning measures should be implemented during the competition.
- Participants (and officials) should continue to maintain social distancing (2m) both on and off court.
- Spectators are allowed on-site for outdoor events. Spectators are not allowed for indoor events at this time.
- Court Furniture – chairs, bins, scoreboards etc. are allowed on court.
- Presentations can take place outdoors or indoors but face masks should be worn if they are taking place indoors.