

## **Langford Tennis Club Court Etiquette**

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1. Dress – Wear non-marking tennis shoes and appropriate tennis attire please.
2. Avoid crossing behind a court while play is in progress. Wait until the point being played is completed, then move briskly past. Courts 2 & 3 should use the far gate for access.
3. When another player's ball rolls onto your court, stop play, pick it up and return it carefully when safe to do so.
4. When making line calls, be honest. Award doubtful calls on your side, to opponents, or offer to play the point again.
5. Do not play when loose balls are lying on the court. Avoid injury and distraction, pick them up and roll them to the net or return them to the server.
6. Demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times. Praise your opponent for good play. Avoid criticizing other players.
7. When passing a ball back to your opponent, bounce it to him/her conveniently. Help the server to retrieve balls.
8. When serving, always wait until all players are set in position and ready to play.
9. WHEN PLAYERS ARE WAITING:
  - (a) Do a 5 minute warm-up and play a short set (30 minutes and then offer the court up to people waiting) Those waiting may grant an extension of time by consensus.
  - (b) Use no ad scoring if you want to play the maximum amount of games.
  - (c) Doubles has precedence over singles, and singles has precedence over practicing.
  - (d) People practicing should vacate a court within 15 minutes of arrival of a group ready to play.

When either a doubles or singles group is on-court and others are waiting, the group that has been on longest will continue to play until they have completed their current set or 30 minutes has elapsed. When others are waiting, doubles play is 'encouraged' and practice alone (i.e. with the ball machine etc) is not permitted. This does not mean those wishing to play singles cannot do so, however, they should be invited to participate in doubles play – should they prefer not to – that is their choice, however the 30 minute rule will apply,

Club sanctioned activities such as Men's night, Ladies night, Club Social nights and events are considered scheduled activities and doubles play has precedence). Please check the club website for the pre-booked events and block bookings. Groups that have played together for years will have the ability to block book their sessions in advance. The executive shall retain the right to monitor and enforce the schedule of play.