



FARINGDON TENNIS CLUB COURT ETIQUETTE

Being *courteous and considerate* on court makes our tennis all the more enjoyable for ourselves and for our fellow players – *as well as safer*. Here's a few guidelines just to get the ball rolling.



- The courts are for tennis - as opposed to cycling, scootering, skateboarding, soccer, net jumping
- The FTC dress code (we don't have one!) celebrates all colours – even white! Tennis shoes with good grip are a good idea.
- Always be welcoming and friendly to fellow players, especially those you don't recognise.
- Trying to "win" the warm-up is in bad taste. Warming up is all about keeping the ball in play and allowing your opponent to get into the groove with their shots.
- Line calls are the responsibility of the receiving end. Call firmly and honestly. If in doubt, the ball is IN! (you cannot be serious!)
- When crossing another court where a game is in progress, please wait until invited to do so. Then cross quickly - normally at the back of the court. Groups cross together.
- If your ball strays onto an adjacent court, then do wait until the point has finished before requesting the ball back. Similarly, only return balls between points.
- Loud social chatter and boisterous behaviour can be off-putting to fellow players and to those on other courts.
- Always be positive and offer encouragement, and try to remain upbeat and happy – even if you're playing badly! You are more likely to play better tennis if you are calm, relaxed, focused, and in a positive frame of mind. Above all, *enjoy your tennis and be safe!*

