



Court Maintenance

One thing all our members want are good tennis courts, so it is always our priority to maintain our courts at the highest possible level.

I'll try and answer a few frequently asked questions:

What court surface do we have?

All 4 courts are Tiger Turf Advantage Pro artificial grass, the premium product from the company, made from polyethylene. The pile height is 13mm. It is described as "medium fast". There is a 9 year warranty.

How often are the courts maintained?

Every tennis court requires regular maintenance to ensure the surface remains in good condition extending its future life. We have a contract with a professional maintenance company to visit 4 times a year.

The dates are posted on our website under Club News.

What court maintenance is done?

The main work is done in spring, to get the courts in top condition for summer. Moss killer is applied, the courts are cleaned, power brushed and new sand is added.

Other visits are shorter when the courts are power brushed.

The work is usually carried out in a single morning, except for the big visit in spring which takes most of the working day.

What is the purpose of the sand and how often is new sand applied?

Sand plays two important roles in a tennis court's performance.

1. It controls the pace of the surface and therefore the speed of play. The more sand, the slower the court plays.
2. It prolongs the lifespan of the court.

4kg of sand per square metre was originally applied to the courts, as recommended by the manufacturers. Then each spring, the sand is topped up by the maintenance company.

How often does the court surface need to be replaced?

Court 4 was renewed in 2018.

Courts 1-3 were renewed in 2022. There was a particular problem with the underlying foundations in that there were several dead spots, especially on court 3. To rectify this, a 4cm layer of tarmac was laid on the old sub-surface, before laying the new artificial grass.

You can see the photos [here](#):

We would hope to get 10-12 years of life before renewing again.

Does the surface need to be brushed between maintenance visits?

Tiger Turf do recommend that we brush the surface. There are drag brushes on the courts. Our court maintenance company brush 4 times a year. If we could brush once a fortnight, it helps to keep the fibres upright and prevent them from getting compacted.

Can we play when the courts are frozen or snowy?

Tiger Turf advise us **not** to play on the courts when the temperature is below -5°C and to take great care if the courts are frozen.

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