

Advantage RedCourt®

Information for players

The playing surface on these courts comprises a stabilised but unbound playing surface that will provide a similar experience to playing on a clay court, but with the benefit that you will be able to do so for most of the year. Only when the surface is frozen or covered in snow will you not normally be able to play.

The clay experience includes the ability to use controlled slide in your game that is less fatiguing than playing on a hard surface where more abrupt stopping, turning and moving off are required.

It is part of the "clay court etiquette" that players leave the court as they would like to find it at the start of their own game. This includes the last game of the day so the court is ready for play the following day. Equipment has been provided to allow players to quickly and easily groom the surface using a light brush / net combination - each player can groom their own half of the court.

Starting around the perimeter of each half court area, players should drag the brush/net behind them and move in ever decreasing circles, slightly overlapping with the last, moving in towards the centre of their end of the court. This will not only groom the surface to remove foot and ball impressions, but also help to move the loose infill back towards the centre of the court. Any debris that accumulates on the drag net should be shaken off at the edge of the playing area. When completed, return the brush/ net to its storage position.

A line brush is also provided that clears loose infill from the play lines to make the lines more easily visible. Lifting or lowering the brush's handle will adjust the pressure of the brush on the line- too low and the brush will not revolve, too high and the brush will not contact the surface. Always hang the brush on the fence after use using the curved handle so the bristles are not bent out of shape.

Preparing the courts for the next players should only take a couple of minutes. If the courts are very wet, grooming will be less effective, but this should not be used as an excuse to get out of the habit of court grooming when conditions are dry.

Summer use: No special requirements. Watering is not usually necessary on outdoor courts.

Winter use: - always take care not to play on a slippery surface.

Light surface frost- no restrictions on play provided surface is not slipper, but it is recommended to drag the courts to break up the frost before play starts.

Ice- avoid playing on a frozen surface in the interests of safety.

Other routine maintenance will be required periodically, but this will be organised by your club, including an annual maintenance by a specialist.

We very much hope you will enjoy playing on this very popular surface.

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