



Ball Machine Briefing

1. THE BALL MACHINE:

- a. Is used at the operators own risk and West Surrey Tennis Club (WSTC) does not accept any responsibility for injury arising from such use.
- b. All users/operators must complete a ball machine familiarisation session before they are authorised to use the machine.

2. HEALTH & SAFETY

- a. Do not walk/stand in front of machine when switched on
- b. Do not look down the barrel when the ball machine is switched on or in idle mode
- c. Not to be used when children are on court (see 3 below)
- d. Power down/switch off when retrieving balls stuck in machine
- e. Any accidents must be reported in accident book (located in the club house)

3. CHILDREN:

- a. Children aged under 10 are not permitted to use the ball machine
- b. Children aged 11-15 can only use the ball machine whilst being supervised **on court** by a parent or guardian and providing that parent or guardian has completed a ball machine familiarisation session.

4. COURT BOOKING:

- a. Book machine out online. In OPPONENT field enter code 6669 which is mapped to BALL MACHINE.
- b. Use the ball machine on **Court 1 ONLY** (or C3 providing there is not a club match being played on C2). ***Court 2 should NOT be used because dragging the machine up and down C2 steps causes wires to loosen/break and can render the machine out of action for some weeks/months whilst being sent off to be repaired.***

5. BATTERY:

- a. Check battery is **FULLY** charged before using (Green LED light on mains lead charger confirms fully charged). DO NOT use if low battery (orange or red LED) as this causes 'deep' discharge and will wreck the battery
- b. Do not run the machine for more than 40mins as this depletes the battery too much and affects its ability to hold a full charge. After use the machine should be reconnected to the charger for the next user

6. RAIN STOPS PLAY:

- a. Rain can seriously damage the machine so do NOT use when raining or when courts are very wet just after it has rained

7. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS ON OPERATION:

- a. On/off
- b. Different programs
- c. Instruction manual

8. BALLS:

- a. Use either trainer balls (provided) or old tennis balls but please do not mix
- b. Please retrieve any balls knocked over the fence (they cost £1 each).

9. REMOTE CONTROL:

- a. Never take out of plastic safety pouch
- b. After use store remote control in the lockable cabinet code is 308.

10. TRANSPORTATION/STORAGE:

- a. Empty hopper of balls when transporting machine to and from court/parking in store cupboard. Park machine with handle pointing toward the door.
- b. Make sure store cupboard is double locked and door key place back in the pavilion

11. PROBLEMS: Report any problems by email to Malcolm Dillon malcolm_dillon@hotmail.com or call 07968 973325

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TAKE CARE WHEN DISCONNECTING BATTERY LEAD

When disconnecting the battery lead from the machine take care to first press the release button marked 'A'.
(The release button is concealed beneath a lip and is difficult to see)



SWITCH TO 'EXTERNAL BATTERY/AC'

Ensure the toggle button is switched to EXTERNAL BATTERY/AC 'B' before powering up. There is no internal battery.