

Authorised “Hitters” Policy

Hitting at West Bridgford Tennis Club

West Bridgford Tennis Club acknowledges that hitting (practice) sessions can be very useful to help members practice certain strokes or gain match play experience with a player of a higher level.

“Hitters” are club members who are recognised and authorised by the committee to offer hitting sessions to other members.

This does not prohibit club members practising independently.

The number of “hitters” and their proficiency will be determined by the Head Coach.

The following guidelines apply to all authorised “hitters” at the club:

When can I hit?

- Hitting can take place at off **peak times only**.

Outdoors		Indoors	
Day	Off Peak Time	Day	Off Peak Time
Monday - Friday	8.30am – 4pm	Monday – Friday	8.30am – 4pm
Saturday	4pm – 9.30pm	Saturday	All day
Sunday	All day	Sunday	All day

- If, on any particular day, a peak time court remains available from 12.00 noon, then a hitter may request this at that time.

How do I book a court for hitting?

- Courts for hitting must be booked in advance (max 2 weeks) and go through either the Head Coach or Club Manager. (For late bookings at 12.00, if neither are available, then this session must be also included in the hitter’s record and communicated to the Head Coach / Club Manager).
- The court **must** be booked in the hitter’s name.
- A maximum of 4 hours court time per week is allowed for each hitter.

What is the cost?

- Indoor courts will be paid for at the time of the hit and will be at the full indoor court rate.
- A £1 court fee is payable for outdoor courts and will be paid monthly via BACS. The hitter is responsible for keeping accurate records and to submit their monthly record to the office by 5th of the following month.

- Payments are to be made for hits from 1st of the month to the last day of the month and paid by 5th of the month.

What can I charge for hitting?

- Hitters may charge a maximum of £11 per hour for their time unless otherwise agreed by the Committee.
- All income is taken on a self-employed basis and any tax and national insurance payments are the responsibility of the hitter.

Can I hit with anyone, and can anyone hit?

- No, hitters must be a member of WBTC. A member of staff can be a hitter but cannot hit whilst on shift.
- The person hitting must also be a member of WBTC.

Do I need a DBS?

- Yes, hitters must have a valid DBS certificate through the LTA.

Can I use WBTC equipment?

- No, hitters must provide their own equipment and the use of WBTC coaching balls and equipment is not permitted.