



DTSC Shoe Policy - updated Jan 2023

Our shoe policy plans to minimise the transfer of clay granules into the Club on the soles of tennis shoes as people come off court. The reasons for this are twofold - firstly to prevent the indoor courts being contaminated/damaged with clay and secondly to prevent us having to top up the courts too often with additional clay as it's spread all over the car park.

After playing tennis, the **only** entrance from the courts is via the door from the courts. If you leave the courts via the side gate, please **do not** enter the club via the path and steps to the front door.

If entering/leaving the courts via the side gate:

- Ensure your shoes have no residual clay on them before arriving at the club.
- After playing remove as much clay as possible before leaving the courts.
- **Do not** use the path/steps to enter the club.
- **Do not** bang the clay out of your shoes on the path or in the car park.
- If you want to enter the club, use the tennis court door and remove your shoes, leaving them under the bench provided. When you eventually leave the club, go back out of the court door (being mindful of matches on court) and leave via the side gate removing as much clay from your shoes as possible.

If entering/leaving the courts via the tennis court door:

- Bring your playing shoes in a Pengillys shoe-bag (ask Adam if you haven't got one).
- Change into your court shoes by the bench at the tennis court door.
- After playing, remove as much clay as possible from your shoes, before leaving the courts.
- Inside the club, brush as much clay off your shoes as possible into the trays using the brushes provided.
- Change into your other shoes by the bench indoors and bag your court shoes.
- **Do not** step anywhere else inside the club even if just going to the toilet or console.
- **Do not** put your unbagged court shoes down anywhere inside the club or on the stairs outside.
- **Do not** put your contaminated shoes on at the top of the stairs and walk down the steps.

Team captains/players - please could you advise visiting teams accordingly.

Coaches - please can you ensure that **all** of your pupils comply with this protocol.

Squash/Racketball players - Please do not sit on the bench by the tennis court door. Try and avoid this dirty area to stop your shoes picking up clay and transferring it to the indoor courts.

Finally we are a members run club. If you do contaminate the club or path/steps with clay granules accidentally, please get the vacuum cleaner or a brush out and **clear up after yourself**. Many thanks in advance for your cooperation.

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