

# **BALL MACHINE GUIDANCE**

The ball machine is great for practice and is free for the use of members only. We encourage all adult members to use the machine but would ask that you adhere to the following guidance notes.

Please note it is used **AT YOUR OWN RISK** at all times.

## **SAFETY WARNINGS**

- The ball machine is not a toy. It contains a number of fast-moving parts that are potentially dangerous. Do not place hands or foreign objects into the ball exit hole.
- When the ball machine is running, be wary of hands, loose clothing, jewellery on or near the ball hopper.
- Never stand directly in front of a ball machine or 30 degrees left or right as balls can leave at a variety of angles.
- Never lift the ball machine by the silver handle, this is for pushing/pulling only and is not strong enough to bear the weight of the whole machine.
- Be careful manoeuvring the ball machine in and out of the clubhouse. It is heavy and awkward. When manoeuvring up/down steps the unit must be lifted by the main body. Ask for assistance if in doubt.
- It is an electrical device, so please do not use in the rain or in standing water. Do not use wet tennis balls.
- The machine only takes standard size tennis balls.
- At all times, it is only to be used for tennis practice within the courts and is for ADULT use only.

## **CONSIDERATION**

- Please return the ball machine where you found with the BATTERY CHARGER LEFT ON.
- Please do not mix playing tennis balls of the club with the practice balls.
- Please only use the machine at quiet times in corner courts without menacing the adjoining courts with a proliferation of balls.
- Both ball machine, ball hoppers and the remote should be sprayed with antibacterial both before and after use.
- The remote control is kept in the shoebox in the kitchen. It must be returned to this position after use to avoid it becoming lost.

## **INSTRUCTION**

- Please familiarise yourself with the instructions in the manual supplied.
- If a jam occurs or a loose ball is in the lower part, there is a kill switch under the base of the unit. This must be switched to the off position before you insert a hand into the mechanism.
- Please ensure that the elevation is returned to zero before switching on/off or the settings will not work. This can be manually adjusted once the motor is fully off.

If you have any questions, a member of the committee will be more than happy to show you how the machine works.

Many thanks