



Wimbledon Tennis Championships 2008 Arrangements for taxis and guidance for taxi marshals

This note outlines the arrangements which will be in place for taxis for the 2008 Wimbledon Tennis Championships.

Southfields Station

There will be a taxi rank in Augustus Road, near Southfields Station, offering shared taxi trips to the Wimbledon Tennis Championships. Marshals are expected to be at the rank on the mornings of tournament days. At the Tennis Club, passengers will be dropped at the rank in Church Road outside Gate 4.

Wimbledon Station

Shared taxi trips from the Wimbledon Station taxi rank to the Wimbledon Tennis Championships will be available. Marshals are expected to be at the rank on the mornings of tournament days. At the Tennis Club, passengers will be dropped at the rank in Church Road outside Gate 4.

All England Lawn Tennis Club

Church Road

There will be a taxi rank located in Church Road (outside Gate 4), with taxis queuing along Church Road. This will offer shared taxi trips to Southfields and Wimbledon Stations as well as operating normally for passengers wishing to travel to central London and all other destinations.

This will also be the drop-off point for all taxi passengers. Stopping elsewhere on Church Road will not be allowed.

Somerset Road

There will be a taxi rank in Somerset Road (outside Gate 13) offering shared taxi trips to Wimbledon Station and operating normally for passengers wishing to travel to central London and all other destinations.

Marshals are expected to be at these ranks from 17:00 on tournament days.

Taxi Radio Circuit Bookings

Space in Somerset Road by Gate 13 has been provided for picking up radio circuit bookings.

Sharing arrangements

The taxi sharing at the Wimbledon tennis tournament has operated effectively for a number of years, and the Public Carriage Office appreciates the contribution made by the marshals in achieving this success. This scheme offers benefits to all concerned:

- Passengers pay lower fares for the taxi service, and waiting time is reduced;
- Drivers earn more on each trip than they would for metered fares, and have a steady supply of customers;
- There is less congestion, noise and atmospheric pollution because fewer taxi trips are needed to serve the passengers.

The marshals at Wimbledon have played an integral part in making sure the scheme works as intended. However, there have in the past been reports of inappropriate behaviour by marshals or drivers. Marshals represent London's taxi trade to visitors to the tournament and are expected to conduct themselves in a suitable manner.

Fares

For shared taxi trips the fare payable per passenger is **£2.50** for adults, £1.25 for children between 2 and 10 years old. Children under 2 travel free. It is illegal to charge more than the prescribed fare.

Notice

Taxis taking part in the sharing scheme must display a notice with the words 'Fixed-fare shared taxi'. Suitable notices are available, with brief guidance for drivers on the reverse – contact the Public Carriage Office on 020 7126 1971.

Waiting

Fixed-fare sharing is for three or more passengers: the driver may, with the agreement of any passengers already waiting, wait for a reasonable period for further passengers to share the hiring.

Journeys to other locations

Sharing is authorised:

- from the taxi ranks at Wimbledon Station and on Augustus Road near Southfields Station to the tennis tournament ground by Gate 4, Church Road;
- from outside Gate 4 at the tennis ground to either of the two stations;
- from Somerset Road outside Gate 12 of the tennis ground to Wimbledon Station.

Fixed-fare sharing is not authorised to any other locations. Drivers and marshals are reminded that **fares cannot be negotiated in advance that would come to more than the fare shown on the meter**. If passengers are willing to share to other destinations, the total fare must be no more than the metered fare.

If a passenger or a group wants a normal (unshared) taxi service, a marshal can ask drivers in the taxi queue if they are willing to take the passenger. If no driver can be found in a reasonable time, normal rules on refusals apply: **the first free taxi on the**

rank should accept the hiring. Refusing these fares or loitering to wait for a shared hiring is not allowed and the driver could be subject to action by the Public Carriage Office.

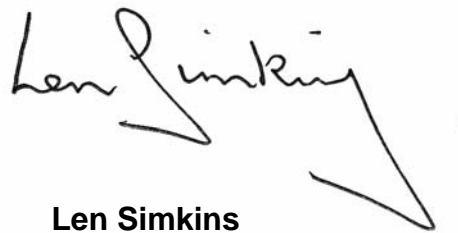
Any taxis on ranks, including those ranks involved in the sharing scheme, must be available for hire. Taxis should not be left unattended on any taxi rank.

Collection from drivers

Drivers are reminded that it is **not** compulsory to pay marshals for the work that they do at the ranks. Drivers are free to give a contribution to the marshals if they wish, but there must be no discrimination for or against drivers because of these contributions. Passengers and taxi drivers must be treated fairly.

Behaviour of marshals

Marshals who are licensed taxi drivers are reminded that the Public Carriage Office may review their fitness to hold a driver licence if their behaviour as a marshal is inappropriate and adversely affects service to taxi passengers.



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