

RETURN TO TENNIS COMPETITION WITH RESPECT TO COVID-19

Tennis BC has been working with ViaSport and the Province of British Columbia to understand the recommendations from our Chief Provincial Health Officer and how they best apply within Tennis.

This return to tennis competition sport plan has been developed for our sport to ensure:

- Health and safety of all individuals is a priority
- Activities are in alignment with provincial health recommendations
- Modifications to activities are in place to reduce the risks to each sport organization and its participants
- Our sport is united and aligned on a plan to reopen throughout the province

While we do hope things will return to normal soon, currently this Return to Sport Plan will be the new normal until we are advised otherwise by public health authorities.

If you choose to participate, you must continue to follow these rules in Phase 3:

- If you do not feel well or are displaying symptoms of COVID-19, you must stay at home.
- If you have traveled outside of Canada, you are not permitted at the facility until you have self-isolated for a minimum of 14 days.
- If you live in a household with someone who has COVID-19 or is showing symptoms of COVID-19, please stay home. There will be no LW/FC penalties issued at this time for sickness.
- Wash your hand before participating
- Bring your own equipment (racket), water bottle and hand sanitizer
- Avoid physical contact with others, including shaking hands, high fives, etc
- Leave the courts and waiting area as quickly as possible after you finish

MATCH SCHEDULE

- Tournament match schedules will be done in a way to help minimize the overlap and waiting on site. When possible, match times will be scattered to minimize congestion at the check in desk.

ARRIVAL ON SITE

- Players are recommended to arrive on site no earlier than 20 min before their scheduled match time.
- All participants are required to complete a Tennis BC **COVID-19 Daily attestation** at time of check-in.
- **INDOOR EVENTS:** at this time parent and guardian spectators are NOT permitted, unless the host facility is able to implement a strategy to ensure that physical distancing is maintained and minimize opportunities for interaction between the athletes and the public while at the venue. This strategy must be approved by Tennis BC before guests are cleared to attend any Tennis BC Sanctioned events.
 - If permitted, all guests **MUST** sign in when entering the facility. Guests must have their names, date and time of arrival taken down.



ON COURT PROCEDURES

- Avoid physical contact with others, including shaking hands, high fives, etc.
- Score Cards: Score cards will not be used on court. Players will be provided with paper and pen to help them keep track of the score between games / change overs.
- Balls: It is recommended that each player will be given their own marked balls to use while serving. Players must pass the ball to their opponent using their racket only.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- Temperature checks may be issued on site. This is highly recommended for indoor events.
- INDOOR EVENTS: It is recommended that all players wear masks when not playing.