

USTA COVID League Protocols/ Guidelines for Play

As we start to ease back into league play, it is critically important that we demonstrate safe tennis practices. We are proud of our tennis community for all of the efforts to re-open clubs and must make sure that we treat playing as a privilege. As a Captain, please encourage your players to use good judgement about their own health and recent exposure before they come to play. This is a period where we all need to trust each other to do our best to protect everyone from a highly contagious virus.

USTA Adult League Play Protocols

1) Tennis facility protocols must be followed according to their approved plans.

- a. Players will agree to follow all check in requirements specific to each home club (i.e. taking temperature)
- b. Masks will be worn at all times to and from the courts including restroom breaks.
- c. Players will provide their own water, towels, equipment.
- d. Players will show up at a specified time and will leave after their match has been played. (Please do not arrive more than 10 min before match time.)
- e. No additional spectators unless allowed by facility.
- f. Sorry, no post-match socializing or shared food on site. Water should be available.

2) Pre-match procedure/ Line up exchange/ Reporting Scores

- a. Prior to match time, captains should do a mutual exchange of match information.
- b. Captains should bring two copies of their line up- one copy will be given to opposing captain.
- c. Captains should use their own pens if they want to write names on their sheet. Please keep your clipboard/ line up sheet with you and do not leave in a common area.
- d. Captains should announce players/ lines so they can go to their assigned court together.
- e. In order to minimize exposure to different people, please ask players to only warm up with their court of players. A 10-15 min warm up is fine.
- f. Please ask players to report scores by text if the captain is still on court.

3) On court expectations:

- a. Players will maintain social distancing.
- b. Changeovers should include frequent hand sanitizing and not sitting/ sharing adjacent resting space. Home team may want to provide on court hand sanitizer if not provided by the club nearby.
- c. No physical contact (i.e. handshakes, high fives, chest bumps).
- d. If a team requests to have separate sets of balls, they should open a 2nd can for play.

Tennis has successfully been established as one of the safest sports during the COVID pandemic. Let's do our part to show we can continue to do that with organized league play.

Spread the love, not the germs! ☺

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