

# PLAY GUIDELINES - USTA MID-ATLANTIC ADULT & YOUTH EVENTS

The USTA/Mid-Atlantic, Inc. (USTA MAS) recognizes that the coronavirus continues to affect different parts of our region in different ways.

The tables below set out the minimum guidelines to manage safety and health concerns when participating in or administering a USTA MAS Tournament or Junior Circuit Round Robin. While USTA MAS has provided these guidelines, USTA MAS needs your help to stay safe and current with the ever-changing federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations regarding COVID-19. If you find that the information provided herein needs updating, notify USTA MAS. USTA MAS will make every effort to revise these guidelines based upon the most current information. In being a part of our tennis community, you play an important role in ensuring appropriate application of these guidelines.

To review recent state and federal information, please see:

- CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/parks-rec/index.html>
- Virginia: <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/executive-actions/>
- Maryland: <https://governor.maryland.gov/covid-19-pandemic-orders-and-guidance/>
- West Virginia: <https://governor.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Any concerns regarding an individual's adherence to required guidelines below may be referred to [community@mas.usta.com](mailto:community@mas.usta.com).

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- Spectators and individuals outside of participants may be limited.
- Follow all state, local and facility guidelines related to COVID-19.
- Where spectators do not increase the number of individuals over state and local maximum capacity mandates, they may be permitted. Players must share guidelines and expectations with accompanying individuals.

Participants/Spectators are required to:

- Adhere to below criteria for participating in a USTA Tournament:
  - No signs or symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
  - No close sustained contact with anyone who is sick within 14 days of the event.
  - Complete a COVID-19 self-check screening of health each day of participation. If you answer YES to any of the screening questions below you must stay home and not participate.
    - A new fever (100.4°F or higher) or a sense of having a fever?
    - A new cough that cannot be attributed to another health condition?
    - New shortness of breath that cannot be attributed to another health condition?
    - New chills that cannot be attributed to another health condition?
    - A new sore throat that cannot be attributed to another health condition?
    - New muscle aches that cannot be attributed to another health condition or specific activity?
  - Those with signs or symptoms of COVID-19 during the event will be asked to leave the venue.
  - Participants must sign a USTA MAS Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability - COVID-19 Waiver and USTA MAS General Participation - Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability and Photo Release to participate.
- Follow all [CDC guidelines](#) and state and local guidelines related to mask wearing, social distancing and personal hygiene.
- When registering for the event, ensure cell phone and email information is accurate for real time communication from tournament organizers.



- Check with the facility location ahead of time for any additional protocols that may apply.
- Follow tournament directors instructions for use of score tenders on courts; clearly verbalize the score at the start of each point.
- Maintain six to ten feet of distance when changing sides and communicating with each other per local and state orders.
- Follow check in and score reporting protocol as directed by the Event Organizer.

