



NWO COVID USTA LEAGUE PLAYERS GUIDELINES - 2020

In addition to the clubs, parks and recs, country club guidelines/requirements together with the State of Ohio, the district is asking our players to take special care in abiding by the rules of the facility. Furthermore, realizing that all matches will not be played at facilities below are the minimums the district is requiring.

- While this is a “courtesy” game, there will be NO handshaking after the match. You can wave and say Nice Match from across the net.
- Please notify the facility if you are not going to be fielding a full team prior to the match as soon as you know you are going to have to default a court, this is a courtesy to the facility.
- If you have been directly exposed to someone with COVID-19, please wait 14 days before playing a match.
- The facility reserves the right to refuse entry into their facility for participation either as a player or a spectator due to showing state or CDC symptoms of COVID-19. If you have had a fever in the 48 hours prior to the match, please get a team member to play for you.
 - Symptoms: Fever, cough, etc. as listed on the Ohio site.
- The facilities will not be providing warm up courts. You will need to warm up before you go to your match. You can stretch in the parking lot.
- Choose different sides to put belongings. On odd game change over, change on the side of your belongings. Bring your own hand sanitizer to sanitize at odd game change over and at the end of the match.
- Scorecards will not be available. If you need assistance in remembering score, please bring something with you such as a pad and pencil/pen etc.
- At the completion of the match make sure you do NOT leave anything behind. Take your belongings and the tennis balls. Do not leave anything on the court.
- Use the restroom prior to leaving for the match. Bring a plastic bag to put your used items at the end of match.
- Make sure you know the facilities requirements regarding coolers – none or just small ones for water or Gatorade, and no alcohol.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING DURING THESE UNPRECEDENTED TIMES. Our main goal is to keep our players safe and healthy.

We recognize that this is going to be a different season, but we are so thankful that we all are going to be able to play tennis.

NWO will be giving a \$10 credit to players in flights with 7 or less matches this summer. Players will be able to use the credit at their choosing through Dec. 31, 2021.

Our recommendations for safe play:

1. **FIRST & FOREMOST** – if you do not feel well for any reason or have a fever **STAY HOME** out of respect for others and yourself.
2. Keeping with social distancing protocol, no food is to be brought in for after match eating and socializing.
3. Arrive no earlier than 15 min. prior to the start of the match.
4. We may be having staggered team match times at certain facilities. Captains can text their line-ups to each other. Players can go directly to the assigned courts.
5. Follow and know the protocol of the facility where the match is held. Home teams should communicate with the visiting team court assignments, etc.

6. Captains, please meet at a designated spot to exchange lines ups by taking a picture of the other teams line-up.
7. In the event of rain, we are requiring the captains or designated captain to collect the \$16 rain fee from their team and the captain will pay the front desk person per the facility requirement. This will need to be taken care of prior to going on the courts for your match. This is to limit groups at the front desks to keep everyone safe. Individual players cannot charge their credit cards.
8. We do not recommend having other team members at the match for cheering purposes. If you do, please note the safe distancing and the rules of the facility. You may want to bring your own folding chair. Our recommendation would not to have more than 1-2 extra players from the team be present. No spectators please.
9. Do not touch the balls unless you are serving or at the start of warm up. If a ball rolls onto your court from another, you can return the ball with your racquet. On the change overs on odd games, please use hand sanitizer on your hands and racquet base. Please avoid touching your face as much as possible during the entire match.
10. At the end of the match, the captains can text each other the scores.
11. We are all mandated by the State of Ohio each player MUST bring their own can of balls for the match. The district will provide each court 1 can.
12. Showering, ice machines, drinking fountains, coffee most likely will NOT be available. Bring plenty of your own water... Some facilities may have bottled water etc. for emergency purchase. There will be ice in baggies, for injury purposes.
13. Please bring your own towels for the match for toweling off during change overs, some facilities may sell towels.
14. Also, for rain you may be asked to wait in your car until a court is available. You will be texted when a court is open to play.
15. We will host a District Championship the last weekend in August (Aug. 27, 2020) – the location(s) will be determined. There will NOT be State, Section or National Championships in order for play to occur at the district level.

Thank you, and let's have fun and play tennis!