

New England USTA League PLAYER GUIDELINES

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USTA New England recognizes the COVID-19 pandemic has been affecting different states within New England in different ways and with different timing. Before returning to play, please review federal, state, and local guidelines to make informed decisions.

After registering for your first team and prior to league play, each player is required to read and sign the USTA New England Player Waiver, which includes the following Guidelines. These Guidelines are subject to revision based on evolving conditions and other factors.

- Players should not go to the facility if they:
 - Have any of the symptoms of COVID-19 or have had any symptoms of COVID-19 within the last 14 days.
 - Have had contact with someone who either tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 days or is otherwise believed to be infected with COVID-19.
 - Traveled to a high-risk area in the past 14 days.
- Check with the facility in advance for any specific requirements such as arrival time, entrance, facility waiver requirements, on-court seating, score tenders, and payment method.
- Arrive at the facility close to assigned start time (no more than 10 minutes in advance) and be ready to play.
- Follow facility policy, as well as federal, state, and local guidelines regarding face coverings, including while on court.
- Avoid touchpoint areas such as: doors and other entryways, counters, curtains, nets, and net posts.
- Players shall enter locker rooms only for bathroom use. All other uses, including showers and lockers, will be off limits.
- Enter the court after previous players exit and maintain social distancing.
- Place bags and belongings six feet apart.
- Bring water, towel, sanitizer, or any other personal items and store them inside your tennis bag when not in use.
- Use headbands, hats, towels, or wristbands to avoid touching your face during play.
- Sanitize and/or wash hands often (before, during and after your match).
- One can of standard Type 2 USTA approved ball shall be provided per position by the home facility or home team.
- All balls used in an individual match must be the same brand and type. If a player requests additional balls, the balls must be purchased from the facility or, in the event the home team provides balls, an arrangement may be made between the two teams in advance of the match for additional balls.
- Bring a pen and paper to the match to record the scores in the absence of score tenders.
- Designate one player to be the scorekeeper.
- Maintain safe physical distance between players during introductions and the racquet spin before a match.
- Maintain physical distancing by crossing on opposite sides of the net post, if changing ends of the court.
- Offer an acknowledgment such as a nod, a thumbs up or a “good match” instead of shaking opponents’ hands.
- Take empty bottles, containers, and packaging home with you, including used balls. Carry in/Carry out.
- Leave the facility immediately following your match to avoid gathering.

The failure to adhere to the Player Guidelines may result in the imposition of penalties and sanctions on the Player.