

USTA NorCal Tournaments will comply with these safety requirements and use the guidelines for developing safety protocols. As of July 27, 2020

- If you do not feel safe playing tennis - **DO NOT PLAY**. Each person is responsible for his or her own safety during these unknown and challenging times.
- If you are sick with any symptoms at all, **DO NOT ATTEND OR PLAY A MATCH!**

REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ Players must submit a signed USTA NorCal COVID-19 waiver before their first match.
- ▶ Each city and county where NorCal events are hosted must be in an approved phase or meet reopening criteria where sporting events can take place.
- ▶ All governmental health guidelines must be followed and stricter guidelines may be implemented.
- ▶ Customer-facing event staff must wear masks covering their nose and mouth and gloves while interacting with players.
- ▶ Competition will be limited to singles. No doubles will be held.
- ▶ Each match will be played with 2 cans of balls. Players will be asked to only serve with their own balls and use their racquets (not their hands) to return their opponent's match balls. New balls will not be provided for a 3rd set.
- ▶ Safety procedures that will be enforced and guidelines recommended must be posted on the tournament homepage.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- ▶ Provide a clean environment. This includes regularly cleaning all surfaces, such as chairs, countertops, tabletops, doorknobs, railings, gates, bathroom fixtures, and toilets. It also includes cleaning the touched surfaces of the court between matches.
- ▶ Spectators should be limited. Players should bring only one guest to accompany them on site.

REMEMBER, DO NOT PLAY IF YOU:

- Are exhibiting any symptoms of the coronavirus: mild to severe respiratory illness with fever, cough and difficulty breathing, or other symptoms identified by the CDC.
- Have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
- Are a vulnerable individual and your state and region is in Phase One or Phase Two. A vulnerable individual is an elderly individual and/or an individual with serious underlying health conditions, including high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma and those whose immune system is compromised such as by chemotherapy for cancer and other conditions requiring such therapy. (For states and regions in Phase Three, a vulnerable individual can resume public interactions, including playing tennis, but should practice physical distancing.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- ▶ Make disinfectant soap, hand sanitizers, or wipes available at all main contact points. Wash or disinfect hands often. Players are recommended to wash hands before and after matches.
- ▶ To maximize physical distancing:
 - A minimum of 6 feet should be maintained between all persons at all times.
 - Limit congestion at the tournament desk and at all other areas of the facility.
 - Players should change sides on opposite sides of the court.
 - Changeover breaks should happen on opposite sides of the court. If this is not possible, sit a minimum of 6 feet apart.
 - Distancing should also be maintained with players on adjoining courts.
 - Designate an area or provide containers for used balls throughout the facility.
- ▶ Eliminate water coolers or water stations from the courts.
- ▶ Eliminate food offerings in common areas.
- ▶ Temperature checks should be conducted for all players and guests of players. Any player/guest that has a temperature of 100.4 or greater should be asked to go home.
- ▶ Players (and their guest) should arrive at the facility no more than 10 minutes before their scheduled match time and depart within 10 minutes of the end of the match.
- ▶ Players (and their guest) should bring their own:
 - Face mask
 - Hand sanitizer
 - Sharpie to mark balls
 - Water and ice for all your matches for any given day
 - Covered chairs (attached shade for players)
 - Disinfectant wipes
 - Towel, headbands, hats and/or wristbands to avoid touching your face

These items should be stored in a tennis bag (or guest's bag) when not in use.
- ▶ Scoring tenders should be removed from the courts or wrapped in caution tape to prevent touching. Consider encouraging players to keep a record of their score in a personal notebook on the change of ends and call the score out loud after every point.
- ▶ All players should verbally signify the end of a match with "Good Match" or something similar. Do not shake hands.

