

RETURN TO PLAY RECOMMENDATIONS

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The United States Tennis Association (USTA) recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic has been affecting different parts of the country in different ways and with different timing. Therefore, we believe safely returning to play will be possible in some cities and states sooner than in others. Before doing so, please review federal, state, and local guidelines to make informed decisions as to when play can recommence.

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| FORMAT / PLAY MODIFICATIONS | FACILITY RECOMMENDATIONS |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Use alternate scoring formats and stagger the match times to decrease the amount of time on-site per player. ▪ Alternate match courts when possible to implement social distancing. ▪ Use USTA Officials when possible to assist with your event. ▪ Have match balls put on court before each match and have a box on each court for used balls ▪ Consult section staff if would like to run doubles <p>Advise Players to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Check with the host facility ahead of time for any protocols that may apply at that facility. ▪ Arrive at the facility close to assigned start time, ready to play, and depart immediately. ▪ Bring their own water bottles, towel, or any other personal equipment and store them inside their tennis bag when not in use. ▪ Bring their own chairs and avoid sharing a bench with a teammate and/or opponent. ▪ Use headbands, hats, towels, or wristbands to avoid touching their faces during play. ▪ Wash hands often (before / after matches.) ▪ Clearly verbalize score at the start of each point and use technology to report scores (email or text). ▪ Maintain safe social distance between players during the racquet spin at the start of a match. ▪ Players should switch sides clockwise. ▪ Offer an acknowledgment such as a nod, a thumbs up, or a “good match” instead of shaking players’ hands. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Follow all state and CDC guidelines in reference to cleaning and disinfecting of all facility areas. ▪ Post safety notices for players, officials, and spectators. ▪ Provide antibacterial wipes and hand sanitizer in common areas. ▪ Advise staff to wear masks and gloves when checking players in, and wash hands often. ▪ Keep gates open (where possible, and not dangerous.) to minimize contact with common surfaces upon entering/exiting the court. ▪ Capture and retain accurate participant information in the event contact tracing becomes necessary. ▪ When officials are used, provide an area for officials on a break where they can exercise social distancing. ▪ Observe social distancing in all areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Limit large congregations at the tournament desk, players’ lounge/locker rooms, and everywhere on site. ○ Designate areas for players to position personal items/equipment during play. ○ Only allow spectators if they can adhere to 6-foot social distancing guidelines. Example: Only allow player +1 or +2 ▪ Remove the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Water coolers or stations from the courts. ○ Food offerings in common areas (fruit, granola bars, etc.) ○ Score tenders: either remove from the courts or have them wiped down before each match and only one player uses the score tender |

