ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO CONSIDER

USTA TEXAS ADULT TOURNAMENTS

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The considerations below are provided <u>in addition to</u> the <u>USTA National Recommendations</u>. Please read through the National Recommendations carefully before reading the additional Texas considerations below.

TEXAS ADULT TOURNAMENT PROVIDERS:

- Shortened Format: In addition to the shortened format mentioned in National Recommendations, you may consider having a shorter format for the early rounds, and a bit longer format for the Finals or the Semifinals and Finals. Examples include:
  - Two sets plus tiebreak for the 3rd
  - Short Sets - OR- Pro Sets
  - Some tournaments might want to consider a short match, followed by a short rest period, followed by their second match, so that players will not have to leave the site until at least two matches have been played. Therefore, the scheduling will be contained to just a few divisions at a time.

- Check-in / Guests: To limit the number of players on-site, consider setting the number of minutes before their match that players can come into the site (Ex: 5, 10, 15, 30 minutes, etc.). Examples include:
  - Consider requesting that the players do not invite guests, or that they limit the number of guests.
  - Consider locating the Tournament Desk in an open outside area instead of in the building. You might want to tape down lines in the desk area to promote physical distancing from the desk staff and between waiting players.

- Score Reporting and Next Match Notice: Consider how you want match results to be reported and how players will be notified of their next match. Examples include:
  - If your number of players that are on-site at any one time is minimal, players could be allowed to report results at the tournament desk.
  - If you would like to have players report their match results remotely, consider having court monitors that manage several courts that can then report the results to the tournament desk either by walkie talkies, text or cell phones, emails, etc. Next match information can also be given by players checking the online draws.
  - Players can also be asked to leave the site as soon as their match is completed and results relayed (unless there is only a short rest period before their next match).

- Used Ball Collection: Consider how you will collect used balls. Example includes:
  - A box or boxes (w/ labels / signage) can be located in a walkway or exit areas to collect used tennis balls.

- Locker room: Post online if the locker rooms will not be available for showers so that players will know ahead of time (restroom use only).

- Tournament Homepage: Post on your tournament homepage the safety protocols you plan to implement for the event. The provided template is an <u>example</u> of information to consider when updating your page.

Please see the following page for an example update to a Tournament Homepage that includes many of the items that may need to be considered/ updated for your tournament.

Players – PLEASE read the following:

Your host would like to give you a great tournament experience, while also providing a safe, comfortable environment. Therefore, we would like you to know the following before you come to the tournament site.
First, please read through the National Return to Play Recommendations.

1. **Shortened Format:** Through the quarterfinals, the format will be _____.
The Semifinals and Finals format will be _____.
Two sets plus tiebreak for the 3rd
Short Sets
Pro Sets

Your first match will have a ___ minute rest period, followed by your second match.

2. **Water, Ice & Chair:** Be sure to bring your own water / ice & chair.

3. **Tennis Balls**: Each match will be given a new can of tennis balls. If you want to have your own tennis balls, please bring an unopened can to each match.

4. **Check-in / Guests:** For players' safety, players should come into the facility ____ minutes before their match time. We also request that you not invite guests, or that you limit the number of your guests. Please respect physical distancing guidelines for both you and your guest when checking in and moving about the facility.

5. **Score Reporting, Next Match Notice & Used Balls**: Players are allowed to report results at the tournament desk. **- or -** Players need to report their match results to the court monitors that will be managing several courts. Next match information can be accessed at _____.
Players are asked to leave the site as soon as their match is completed and results reported (unless there is only a short rest period before their next match).
Boxes are located in walkway areas to collect used tennis balls.

6. **Food:** For the safety of our players, food will not be offered.

7. **Masks**: *You will need to update your tournament homepage with any protocols related to masks. Examples:*
If your facility requires masks, you will need to post on your tournament homepage so players know ahead of time.
Also consider providing a supply of masks to hand out to those not wearing a mask.
   ○ If your facility does not require masks, but does recommend masks, you could request "for the consideration and safety of all of our players" that you ask players to please wear a mask unless they are on-court, during their match.
   ○ Consider also recommending/requesting that guests wear a mask at all times and should practice physical distancing when they are on-site.

8. **Locker room**: Locker rooms will not be available for showers (just restroom use).

Thank you for your consideration of the tournament staff and your fellow players, and for helping to make this a great tournament!