



2021 SAFETY GUIDELINES – IMPORTANT

(as of 6.1.21)

The safety and well-being of players, families and staff is our top priority, thus we have instituted a number of Safety Protocols that everyone must follow (details below). There will be no exceptions to the below rules – thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

- **Mandatory Check-In & Waiver Forms (3):** ALL PLAYERS must submit the three forms (**USTA Medical Release, Event Release & Waiver Form** and **PIM Contact Form**), with a parent/guardian signature at the Player Registration or they will be unable to participate in the event!
***DO NOT SUBMIT THESE FORMS TO OUR OFFICE PRIOR TO CHECK IN....**

- **The event has the right to take the temperature of all Players and Guests.** If anyone denies us the availability to take their temperature and/or if anyone's temperature is 100.4 or more, you must leave the facility – no exceptions. This is for your safety and the safety of the other families.

- **DO NOT PLAY:**
 - If you are exhibiting any symptoms of the coronavirus. According to the CDC, people with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported—ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. These symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus: fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell.
 - If you have been in contact with someone with known or suspected COVID-19 in the last 14 days. Everyone must follow a minimum of 6' social distancing (except family members)
 - Everyone must follow a minimum of 6' physical distancing (except family members)
 - Everyone should wash their hands throughout the day.
 - Draws will not be posted on-site (we do not want a gathering of players/parents), please view Draws and Results in Serve Tennis on your phones/computers.

PLAYERS

- Should take change-over breaks on opposite sides of the court. If this is not possible, chairs should be set at a minimum of 6' apart.
- Use headbands, hats and/or wristbands to avoid touching their faces while playing.
- Restrooms will be available. Please do not congregate in the restroom, the locker room areas are closed.
- Come prepared with your own:
 - Hand sanitizer
 - Beverages/water, snacks, towels, water, and ice (ice will not be provided on site) and store inside a tennis bag when not in use. **Water fountains might be turned off; each site is different.**

STAFF & UMPIRES: Will follow CDC Guidelines regarding physical distancing and mask protocols.

FACILITY

- All persons must follow CDC Guidelines and since we are using multiple sites (public and private), all players and guests must adhere to those specific site rules upon arrival. As of now, we ask that everyone wear a mask upon entering each event site.

CHECK-IN: If any players want to 'walk-up' to the tournament desk, please remember to keep the 6' physical distancing protocol.

DURING MATCH

- Player Chairs: Must be placed at least 6' apart and they may not be facing one another or another player.
- Raise your Racket to get the attention of a tennis umpire.
- Changeovers / Set Breaks: Players should take change over breaks on opposite sides of the court or be spaced 6 feet away from the net (creating 12 feet between players).
- When returning to your chair, do so in a manner where you maintain a minimum distance of 6'.
- Keep your players chairs facing forward towards the tennis court. This way, the players on the adjacent court are facing the away from you.
- Maintain safe social distance between players during the racket spin at the start of a match. The umpires will try to flip a coin when we can. When we do this, we will ask the players to stand on the service line.
- Players should clearly verbalize the score at the start of each point.
- The Server should clearly call out the score loudly before every point.

COMPLETION OF THE MATCH

- Offer an acknowledgement such as a nod, thumbs up or 'good match.' Please do not shake hands or make contact with your opponent at the completion of the match.
- Leave the court promptly, clean up your trash and take your belongings with you.
- **Report your score** at the Tournament Desk -- remember to Physical Distance.
- Pick up your used tennis balls and drop them in the used balls box at the Tournament Desk.
- Upon completion of the match, and after reporting the score (winner reports the score), leave facility within 20 minutes of the completion of your match to help reduce gatherings.

SPORTSMANSHIP & ETIQUETTE, MISC.:

- Good Sportsmanship is expected from a players and guests.
- Players should NEVER spit on the court.
- Inappropriate and unsportsmanlike language, bullying and taunting will not be tolerated and will be coded. Spectators who display inappropriate behavior may be removed from the tournament area for the remainder of the tournament. Thank you for your cooperation.
- Players are NOT allowed on the other side of the net, even if invited by their opponent. If you need a ball mark inspection, then ask a tennis umpire for help.
- The USTA Point Penalty System, Lateness Rule and Junior Tournament Regulations are in effect.

Thank you for your patience and we look forward to hosting you in South Florida!