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RETURN TO TENNIS

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TNL is committed to being a part of the effort to manage and contain COVID-19. We recognize the presence of the virus and its variants in our communities throughout the province. Tennis, by its nature, lends itself naturally to physical distancing, but we cannot become complacent. Every facility must be aware of the Alert Level their community is in and take the appropriate measures required to meet the standards set down by the Government. As we have seen recently, the Alert Level for areas of the province can change overnight. This Return to Sport Plan covers all Alert Levels.

For the most up to date information regarding club operations visit <https://www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/information-sheets-for-businesses-and-workplaces/guidance-for-indoor-recreation/>

We recognize the value sport has in supporting all participants get through these difficult times. It is vitally important that tennis is seen as a sport that is safe for all ages. This is achieved through the protocols each facility puts in place and the confidence it creates for participants and guardians. We need to be prepared, if necessary, to have reduced court capacity, to change court and lesson times and duration, to reimagine the flow of players in and out of the facility within the physical realities that exist. Additionally, rigorous tracking of players using each facility must be enforced for contact tracing purposes.

If any facility managers have questions about these points or about other operational changes, please do not hesitate to contact Ed Buckingham, Executive Director of TNL at the following email address: [tennis@sportnl.ca](mailto:tennis@sportnl.ca)

### General information

Clubs are expected to comply with the following guidelines until notification of revision is issued.

#### Operations

- Conduct appropriate cleaning and sanitizing routines with particular attention to high-touch areas.
- Provide hand sanitizer at the entrance to the facility. Provide hand sanitizer for each court.
- Keep locker and shower areas closed. Players should come to the facility dressed and ready to play.
- Keep toilets and wash basin areas clean and sanitized.
- Train new staff about these protocols.
- Supply personal protective equipment (masks and gloves) for staff.
- Create signage to remind players of the protocols you have created.
- Non-medical masks (NMM) are required at all times indoors.
- Encourage, but don't require, members to wear NMM while on the courts.
- Equipment loans should be for the entire season. Thoroughly sanitize any returned equipment.
- No spectators inside the clubhouse. Spectators should remain outside the fence while maintaining physical distance.
- Spectators may be permitted, as long as the event complies with gathering size restrictions and spectators maintain physical distance from other individuals and wear a non-medical mask at all

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times. The facility will record and maintain records of contact information of spectators for the season.

- No social events inside the clubhouse.
- Players should bring their own clearly labelled water bottles.
- Strive for cashless transactions.

### Player movement

Where possible, players should enter and exit the courts by different gates/doors. If this is not possible, establish entry and exit lanes using stanchions and floor tape to maximize physical distancing.

## **ALERT LEVELS**

### **Alert Level 4/5**

- Facility must close for all activity.

### **Alert Level 3**

- Progressive tennis lessons are permitted. Including coaches and athletes, the maximum number of individuals is 20.
- Adult lessons and private lessons are permitted with a maximum of 4 players and a coach per court.
- Individuals (coaches & athletes) from separate households should maintain physical distance at all times. Individuals from a single household may be grouped in a single training pod.
- Regular bookings may continue with attention being paid to how many spaces of the 20 are available.

### **Alert Level 2**

#### **Phase 1 (June 1-June 25, 2021)**

- Progressive Junior tennis lessons permitted. Maximum number of individuals, including coaches, is 100.
- Adult lessons and private lessons are permitted. Maximum number of individuals, including coaches, is 50.
- Regular bookings are to continue with an increased emphasis on checking players in and removing bookings off the schedule if bookings are cancelled.
- No tournaments or competitions permitted.
- Canada Games team training permitted. Currently all athletes are from the Eastern Health region with the exception of one athlete from Gander. Schedule Green Belt Tennis Club – Fridays 6:30 a.m.

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### **Phase 2 (June 23 – July 11, 2021)**

Phase 1 protocols, except those relating to tournaments and competitions, remain in effect.

Closed club tournaments permitted (i.e. no entries outside of club members permitted).

Currently no club tournaments are scheduled.

No Canada Games training scheduled

### **Phase 3 (July 12 – close of club's summer season)**

Phase 1 protocols, except those relating to tournaments and competitions, remain in effect.

Open and closed tournaments are permitted. Only players from communities in Regional Health Authorities at Alert Level 2 or below will be permitted to participate.

#### **2021 Tournament Schedule**

Dates	Tournament Name	Type	Location	Convener	Notes
July 12 -14	ATA 4★	Open	Riverdale Tennis Club	Mike Meaney	Players from Atlantic Canada able to attend, but usually do not. @ 30 players, ages: U10 - U18 male/female.
July 23 – 25	Mt. Pearl Open	Open	Mt. Pearl Tennis Club	Dustin Cole	@ 40 players, ages 14 +
Aug 12 – 15	Central Open	Open	Gander Tennis Club	Pat Redmond	@ 45 players, ages 14 +
Aug 16 – 18	Corner Brook Jr. Tournament	Closed	Corner Brook Tennis Club	Janet Coleman	End of summer tournament for Junior players. @ 30 players ages 7-18
Aug 20 – 22	Riverdale Open	Open	Riverdale Tennis Club	Rob Salsman	@ 40 players, ages 14 +

Canada Games training schedule TBA / Location: St. John's – Riverdale and Green Belt (rain site) clubs

### **Phase 4 - Atlantic Competition (when Atlantic bubble is in place)**

Tournament in other provinces TBA. An amended Return to Tennis Plan will be submitted for review and approval should any out of province travel be considered.