



North Suburban Junior Tennis Association



COVID-Safe competition guidelines (Version 2 – 13 January 2021)

The NSJTA is committed to the safety and wellbeing of every child who takes part in our activities, programs and events. These guidelines outline the responsibilities of players, team managers, parents, clubs and spectators, to ensure matches can be played safely and prevent the spread of COVID-19. NSJTA Match Committee members will be conducting spot checks at venues to ensure these guidelines are being adhered to.

Key changes

- Check-in, play, get out.
- Clubrooms are not required to be open, except for the use of toilets only.
- No handshakes.

Player responsibilities

Before you play

- Before attending a tennis venue or playing tennis, you should consider your individual situation. The COVID-19 virus can spread very quickly and result in very serious medical complications in some people. Like any activity, there are some inherent risks involved and by participating you are accepting those risks.
- You **must not** participate in NSJTA competitions if:
 - you returned from overseas in the past 14 days
 - you are required to be in self-isolation/self-quarantine
 - you have been in close contact with a person who has a reported or suspected case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the past 14 days
 - you have a fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath or other cold/flu-like symptoms.
- All parents and players are encouraged to download COVID-Safe app.

Pre-match

- Bring your own equipment, including hand sanitiser, snacks and drinks (do not share with others).
- Check-in to the venue on arrival.

On court

- Change ends on opposite sides of the net to your opponent/s
- Avoid directly touching your face while playing
- Touch racquets instead of the regular pre-match and post-match handshakes
- Wash/sterilise your hands before and after you play
- Do not share water bottles and bring your own full water bottle instead
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with your elbow
- Be aware of what surfaces you touch and ensure you clean them after play
- Carry a mask on you at all times and wear it if you cannot physically distance.

Post-match

- Leave as soon as possible after the conclusion of your last set.

Team manager responsibilities

- Both team managers must bring their own pen.
- Team managers must sanitise their hands before and after filling in the sheet. Only team managers should fill out the sheet during the day.
- Team managers should provide tennis balls to players by rolling them out of the can. Cans should be touched by one person only.
- Team managers must sanitise their hands before and after signing in the sheet at the end of the match. Players (team captains) are not required to sign the sheet for this season.

Club responsibilities

State and local government requirements

- Clubs must ensure they comply with all State and local government requirements. These can vary between local government areas. Clubs should regularly monitor for any changes to these requirements.

Contact details

- Records must be kept of everyone using the facility.
 - It is preferred that this is done electronically, using the [Victorian Government QR Code service](#) or another QR Code provider
 - Alternatively, Tennis Victoria has developed a paper [attendance register template](#) that clubs can use (note: email address is not required).
- Clubs must appoint a person to be the venue supervisor for all matches played at their venue. This position could be held by multiple people throughout the morning/night. They must clearly identify themselves as the venue supervisor, preferably by wearing the yellow vest provided by the NSJTA.
- The venue supervisor must ensure the name and a contact phone number of every person that attends the venue is recorded. This includes all players, spectators and parents.

Clubhouses

- Clubhouses can be open with a maximum of 1 person per 4 square metres.
- Clubhouses should advise how many maximum people are permitted into their venue using [this signage](#).
- If Clubhouses are not open, clubs must provide toilet facilities.

Signage, hygiene and cleaning

- Clubs must display COVID-19 signage at entrance.
- Leave gates ajar during opening hours so players do not need to use handles to enter.
- Clubs must make hand-sanitiser and/or soap available.
- Clubs must ensure toilets and surfaces are cleaned regularly, at least daily on competition days.
- If clubhouses are open, they must be regularly cleaned in accordance with State Government requirements.
- Clubs must minimise the number of people using each court sweeper, and sanitise touched areas when practical.

Venue and spectator management

- Clubs must take into account their other activities, such as coaching, and ensure social distancing requirements are met. For example, large numbers of coaching students leaving a venue at 7.00 pm at the same time as competition players are arriving may not meet these requirements.

- Venue supervisors must ensure spectators are managed and comply with social distancing requirements.
- Venue supervisors may ask some spectators (other than one parent per player) to leave if necessary to ensure social distancing.

Rain delays

- In the event of rain, Club supervisors must make a decision quickly whether to declare the match a washout. They must ensure players and parents do not wait around in groups without social distancing. They must consider their club's individual circumstances, including the number of teams, whether their clubrooms open, and whether their club has sheltered areas for players and spectators to wait.
- For this season, the NSJTA Match Secretary will exercise greater discretion to call a blanket washout if it is likely matches will be regularly interrupted by rain.

Parent and spectator responsibilities

- Parents and spectators are permitted within the venue cap limits. Venue supervisors can limit the number of spectators to one parent per player if necessary.
- All parents and spectators must check-in on arrival.
- Parents and spectators should only stay for the period of time they need to be there.

Association contact

If players require further information about these guidelines, they should contact their Club Delegate. Club Delegates who require further information, should contact the Association's COVID-19 contact officer:

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If any club becomes aware of a player who participated in an NSJTA match testing positive for COVID-19, they must immediately notify the Association's COVID-19 contact officer.