



THE BARBADOS TENNIS ASSOCIATION
PHYSICAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES
For the period May 20 –31 2020

The Government of Barbados has shared a number of guidelines across various industries designed to minimize the associated risks of exposure to and spread of COVID-19. It is critical that all commonly used spaces, furniture and equipment be frequently cleaned. Given the increased risk to older persons and those with underlying health conditions, the Barbados Tennis Association advises that any person or player with a medical condition needs to be exceedingly vigilant.

During the period May 20 – 31 2020, the NTC Clubhouse will not be open to the public and the sharing of containers and equipment are strongly discouraged. As such patrons are strongly advised to have the following on their person at all times to reduce their risk of exposure:

- a. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- b. Sanitizing agents for their hands and equipment
- c. Water bottles and/or water coolers.

The protocols for the patrons of the National Tennis Centre are as follows.

1. Maintain physical distancing. 6 feet distancing must be maintained at all times. To this effect
 - a. No more than 2 individuals may be on a court at any time.
 - b. No more than 10 individuals may be on the Tent Area at any time.
 - c. Otherwise, patrons must remain in their respective vehicles.
2. Wear masks at all times while on the premise of the National Tennis Centre including to watch tennis. Masks may only be removed when persons are 6 feet or more apart and *actively* playing on Courts 1- 4.
3. Single use masks may be worn and should be discarded after each use, while cloth masks should to be washed at the end of each use. It is recommended that no mask be worn for more than 4 hours at a time, and should be changed in the event that it becomes damp.
4. Patrons should not come to the National Tennis Centre if experiencing symptoms such as fever, cough, shortness of breath or loss of the sense of taste or smell. In the event that such symptoms are observed or suspected, the person will be encouraged to seek medical attention and will be asked to leave the premises.
5. The Barbados Tennis Association reserves the right to take the temperature of any staff member or patron on the premises. In the event the reading is above 37.5 degrees Celsius or 99 degrees Fahrenheit, the person is encouraged to seek medical attention and will be asked to leave the premises.
6. Regularly wash hands and/or use of hand sanitizers, in accordance with the public health advisories. This is required before and after going on the tennis courts.

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A. Court Bookings, “New Normal” Hours, Accessing the Courts and On Court Activity

1. During this period the “new normal” hours of the courts are ***Mondays to Fridays: 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm*** and ***Saturdays: 7:00 am to 6:00 pm***. Effective immediately, all court bookings should be done using the BTA’s Online Court Booking System (<http://www.tennisbarbados.org/book-your-courts-online>). All court rental procedures must be strictly enforced.
2. Patrons are strongly advised to use cashless means of payment for use of the courts. The BTA encourages its patrons to transfer funds directing its account. Please contact btafacilitiescoordinator@gmail.com and/or tennisbarbados@caribsurf.com for further details.
3. Requests to book courts outside of the regular opening hours will be considered on a case by case basis. Such requests may be directed to the Facilities Coordinator via btafacilitiescoordinator@gmail.com and/or tennisbarbados@caribsurf.com . Such requests should be made 48 hours in advance.
4. Whilst accessing the courts at the National Tennis Centre, all players must abide by the following since it minimizes the surfaces touched, and frequency of touch, by staff and patrons alike.
 - a. **COURT 1:** Access to *Court 1* shall be from the entrance via the gate between Court 1 and Court 2 only. The gate to Court 1 shall remain locked to reduce contact with the gate handle.
 - b. **COURTS 2, 3 and 4:** Access to *Court 2,3 and 4* shall be from the gate entrance to Court 3. The left side of the gate shall remain open to prevent players from touching the gate handle on entrance and exit.
5. **Only singles play is permitted during this period.** As such no more than 2 players may be on a court at any time. If it is a coaching session, the coach may also be on the court only if they maintain 6 feet distancing from each player. Players should exercise physical distancing at all times, including during changeover. All players should cross on opposite sides of the net. One player shall use the left side of the net whilst the other shall use the right side of the net.
6. Players must ensure that all of their equipment remain with their tennis bags at all times. The tennis bag must be on the court during play. Equipment includes but is not limited to tennis racquets, towel, change of clothes, water bottle etc. Towel, shirts or any other apparel should not be draped over the chairs or fence.
7. Upon completion of play, players shall remove all of their equipment and apparel from the court.

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