



THE BARBADOS TENNIS ASSOCIATION
PHYSICAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES WHILE USING THE COURTS OF
THE NATIONAL TENNIS CENTRE

FOR COACHES, PLAYERS AND OTHER PATRONS

Effective June 9 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.

The NTC Clubhouse remains closed 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. Sanitising agents for their hands and equipment
- c. Water bottles and/or water coolers.

A. The general protocols 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, *unless* they are from the same household.
 - b. No more 2 individuals from the same household may be on the court with an individual from another household.
 - c. No more than 10 individuals may be in seating area (next to Court 1) at any time.
 - d. Otherwise, patrons are encouraged 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 sanitisers, in accordance with the public health advisories. This is required before and after going on the tennis courts.

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B. Following are the COACHING protocols for the Coaches opting to use the courts of the National Tennis Centre to provide coaching services.

7. Coaches must ensure that their clients follow the general guidelines previously provided in sections A and C.
8. Coaches are required to have sanitising agents on the court at all times while providing coaching services, for use for hands and equipment.
9. Coaches are required to maintain 6ft physical distancing from all clients at all times, unless there is an injury.
10. In the event of injury to children, and once the parent is on premises, coaches are encouraged to guide the parent on what to check. In the absence of a parent coaches are required to sanitise their hands before and after contact with the client. The coach's mask must be on during this period at that time.
11. Coaches are required to ensure that the hands of each player have been appropriately sanitised before being allowed on the courts. Coaches must see or administer the sanitisation process for themselves, even if conducted by the parent of the player.
12. **No more than 2 players may be on a court at any time and no more than 3 persons in total, inclusive of the coach.**
13. In sessions where the players being coached are from different households,
 - a) 6ft distancing must be maintained between players at all times.
 - b) If the players are on the same side of the court while doing drills,
 - i. Only one player should be on the court area.
 - ii. Demarcation of the court to reflect the appropriate distancing is required.
14. **Protocols #12 and #13 may be relaxed if all players, up to 4, are from the same household.** In such instances all may be on the court in the court area. The coach may also be on the court but must maintain 6ft physical distancing from all players.
15. **Protocol #12 and #13 may be relaxed if up to 2 players are from the same household.** In such instances all may be on the court in the court area if and only if the 2 households are always on opposite sides of the court and must maintain 6ft physical distancing from each other. In particular:
 - a. 2 players are from household A and 1 player is from household B. OR
 - b. 2 players are from household A and 2 players are from household B.

In cases of both a and b, the coach may also be on the court but must maintain 6ft physical distancing from all players.

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16. Where ever possible, parents and patrons are encouraged to observe sessions from their respective vehicles or from the seating area located next to Court 1.
17. No more than 10 individuals may be in the seating area (next to Court 1) at any time and 6ft distancing must be maintained at all times.
18. Coaches are required to remind clients to reduce their contact with commonly used surfaces, furniture and equipment including fences, gates, nets, benches and chairs.
19. It is understood that players *may* be required to collect balls after particular drills however, after each ball collection routine, players strongly encouraged to sanitise their hands accordingly.
20. Coaches are required to ensure that the hands of each player have been appropriately sanitised after the coaching session has been concluded. Further coaches should remind clients to sanitise the outer surfaces of their bags and other equipment before leaving.

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

21. During this period the “new normal” hours of the courts are ***Mondays to Thursday: 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm*** , ***Fridays: 1:00 – 6:00pm*** 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.
22. 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@tennisbarbados.org and tennisbarbados@caribsurf.com for further details.
23. 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 courtbookings@tennisbarbados.org and tennisbarbados@caribsurf.com. Such requests should be made 48 hours in advance.

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24. 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.
- iii. **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.
 - iv. **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.
25. **Only singles play is permitted.** 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 ft 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.
26. **Protocol #25 may be relaxed all players, up to 4, are from the same household.** In such instances all may be on the court in the court area. If it is a coaching session, the coach may also be on the court but must maintain 6ft physical distancing from all players.
27. **Protocol #25 may be relaxed if up to 2 players are from the same household.** In such instances all may be on the court in the court area if and only if the 2 households are always on opposite sides of the court and must maintain 6ft physical distancing from each other. In particular:
- a. 2 players are from household A and 1 player is from household B. OR
 - b. 2 players are from household A and 2 players are from household B.
- In cases of both a and b, the coach may also be on the court but must maintain 6ft physical distancing from all players.
28. 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.
29. Upon completion of play, players shall remove all of their equipment and apparel from the court.

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