



The Fairbanks Tennis Association (FTA) will be following state and local health mandates. Please note that the Dan Ramras Community Tennis Courts (DRTC) are managed and maintained by the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB). FNSB is also responsible for the maintenance of the porta potty located by the DRTC. FNSB mitigation plan is displayed at DRCTC.

The primary purpose of this document is to provide information regarding paid and unpaid FTA programming. However, at the bottom of this document, we are sharing general guidelines for playing tennis safely during covid-19.

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**PROCEDURES FOR FTA PROGRAMMING**

**General**

1. We encourage frequent use of personal hand sanitizer. FTA will provide hand sanitizer for FTA programming.
2. No spectators are allowed on the courts or within 6 feet outside of the courts.
3. Do not use the court benches, picnic tables or bleachers. Parents, please bring your own chairs if you plan to watch your children during FTA programs.
4. Social distancing of 6 feet or more must be maintained on and off the court.
5. Please bring your own water. FTA can not provide hydration or food for FTA events. There is no water fountain at the DRCTC and Mary Siah is closed for most of the summer.

**Group Sessions**

1. Teaching Pros will be assigned specific courts, baskets and equipment.
2. Tennis balls and equipment will only be handled by the tennis professionals.
3. Participants may be assigned a hopper/tube for pick-up or Pro will pick up all balls.
4. Teaching Pros will sanitize carts and baskets after each lesson or drill.
5. Participants who do not own their own racquets can check out loaner racquets for the season.
6. No serving during group lessons/drills unless each player is assigned their own balls.
7. Teaching Pros will adhere to social distancing recommendations regardless of activity being taught.
8. Court markings will be used to strategically place participants who are not actively playing.
9. Teaching Pros will coordinate drills with a reduced number of participants to ensure proper spacing.
  - a. Group sessions will be limited to no more than 10 participants per group.
  - b. Any group of 6 or more participants will use 2 courts.
10. Players must remain on the court during the lesson to limit contact with other patrons.

**Match Play**

1. **Junior Match Play** will be limited to 12 participants spread over 5 courts. Each player will receive 2 new balls and will be instructed to pick up only their own balls during match play. (see Use of Tennis Balls section below)
  2. **Team Tennis** will follow general guidelines including those regarding safe use of tennis balls. Each player will receive 2 new balls and will be instructed to pick up only their own balls during match play. (see Use of Tennis Balls section below)
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## REGISTRATION

1. Online Registrations only.
2. Participants must agree not to participate in a sport or activity if they:
  - a. Are exhibiting the current CDC recognized symptoms consistent with COVID-19;
  - b. Have knowingly been in contact with a suspected or positive case of COVID-19 within the past 14 days;
  - c. Are within 72 hours of exhibiting significant COVID-19 symptoms or a fever;
  - d. When recovering from a case of COVID-19, are less than 14 days from onset or less than 72 hours since the end of significant symptoms or fever; and
  - e. Have not been in the state for 14 days symptom free as long as Health Mandate 10.1 – International and Interstate Travel – Order for Self Quarantine is in effect.
  - f. For the latest information on COVID-19, visit [coronavirus.alaska.gov](https://coronavirus.alaska.gov).
3. Participants must agree to inform someone from the Organization if they do become sick within seven days of participation in Guided Recreation, game, event, sports camp, or practice so that other Participants can be informed that a fellow Participant became sick and they should monitor for symptoms and practice recommended social distancing measures.

## PLAYING TENNIS SAFELY

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### Before Playing

1. Wash your hands with soap and water (20 seconds or longer) or use a hand sanitizer soap (bring your own) before going on court.
2. All players are encouraged to wear a facemask (including while playing) at all indoor and outdoor facilities.
3. Bring your own racquet and equipment (water bottle, wristbands, grips, hats and towels). Do not share equipment. Clean and wipe down your equipment frequently.
4. Bring your own water, water refill stations and fountains will not be available.
5. Bring new balls for play if possible.
6. Consider taking precautions such as wearing gloves.
7. If you need to sneeze or cough, do so into a tissue or upper sleeve.
8. Arrive as close as possible to when you need to be on site.
9. Avoid touching gates, fences, benches, etc. if you can.

### After Playing

1. Leave the court within 5-10 minutes of your game ending.
2. Use a hand sanitizer after coming off the court (bring your own), and wash your hand thoroughly as soon as you can. Keep in mind that May Siah will be closed most of this summer, so you will not have access to bathrooms/sinks at the DRTC.
3. No extra-curricular or social activity should take place at the facility. No congregation after playing.
4. All players should leave the facility immediately after play.

**While Playing**

1. Try to stay at least six feet apart from other players. Do not make physical contact with them (such as shaking hands or a high five).
2. Consider not playing doubles, which could lead to incidental contact and unwanted proximity. If you do play doubles, avoid all incidental contact, NO Bryan Brothers Chest Bumps and NO whispering to each other for strategy in close distance.
3. Avoid touching your face after handling a ball, racquet or other equipment. Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer promptly if you have touched your eyes, nose or mouth.
4. Avoid sharing food, drinks or towels.
5. Use your racquet/foot to pick up the balls and hit them to your opponent. Avoid using your hands to pick up the balls.
6. Stay on your side of the court, avoid changing ends.
7. Remain apart from other players when taking a break.
8. All players should leave the facility immediately after play.

**Use of Tennis Balls**

A tennis ball may transmit the virus, as virtually any hard surface can transmit the disease. These are extra precautions you can take to keep safe when playing:

- For Singles, use at least 4 balls. For Doubles use 8 balls
- Open two cans of tennis balls that do not share the same number on the ball or use a different brand.
- Take one set of numbered balls, and have your partner take a set of balls from the other can.
- Proceed with play, making sure to pick up your set of numbered balls only. Should a ball with the other number wind up on your side of the court, do not touch the ball with your hands. Use your racquet head or feet to advance the ball to the other side of the court.