

## FTA May 20, 2020 Update

Dear Fairbanks Tennis Community,

Here is the latest information regarding FTA's Summer Programming.

1. Block Party and Kids Free Tennis Event has been moved to June 28.
2. Free Tennis Event for Middle School and High School kids on May 31 from noon to 2:00pm.
3. Limiting group sizes for June HS drills to a maximum of 10 participants.

FTA mitigation plan is available at the FTA website:

<https://www.fairbankstennis.com/Default.aspx?tabid=887061>

Below, we provide updated answers to some of the questions tennis players in Fairbanks and North Pole might have (updated 5/20/2020):

### 1. Is it safe to play tennis? **UPDATED**

Please review the following information published by the United States Tennis Association regarding the safety of playing tennis during covid-19.

<https://www.usta.com/en/home/stay-current/national/usta-statement-on-safety-of-playing-tennis-during-the-covid-19-v.html>

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### 2. Is FTA holding the FTA Block Party and Kids Free Tennis scheduled for May 31? **UPDATED**

At this point we have decided to postpone the Block Party and Kids Free Tennis until June 28.

On May 31, we will be holding a Free Tennis Event for Middle School and High School kids.

Session 1: 12:00 – 12:50pm

Session 2: 1:00 to 1:50pm.

We are asking current Middle School and High School Tennis Players (mentor) to attend with someone who is NEW to tennis (mentee). The event will focus on having the mentor and mentee engage in a series of fun tennis challenges.

- We are limiting the number of participants to no more than 20 per hour.
- **FREE online** registration is required for this event. Registration assistance available at the courts.
- Registration opens May 24.

### 3. Will FTA offer any tennis instruction this summer? **UPDATED**

At this point we are anticipating being able to offer group instruction starting on May 31. If this changes, we will inform the tennis community as quickly as possible through our electronic channels, including this website.

In order to maintain social distancing, June HS Drills will be limited to no more than 10 participants per group.

Junior Match Play will be limited to no more than 12 participants per day.

For questions regarding USTA RecTennis, please contact Dana Griffin ([dgriffin@pnw.usta.com](mailto:dgriffin@pnw.usta.com)) at USTA PNW, and check the RecTennis website: <https://rectennis.com/city/fairbanks/>.

### 4. When will I be able to register for FTA programs? **UPDATED**

Because of the fluid situation surrounding Health Mandates in response to Covid-19, we have decided to adjust our **registration windows as shown below:**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Registration Start Date</b>
May 31 Free Tennis for MS&HS	May 24, 2020 - Registration help available on site, prior registration encouraged to secure your spot.
June Weekly Sessions (start June 1)	May 24, 2020
July Weekly Sessions (start June 29)	June 21, 2020
June 28 KFT/Block Party	June 21, 2020 - Registration help available on site, prior registration encouraged to secure your spot.
Middle/High School (start July 29)	July 19, 2020

This allows us to monitor the situation and gives us a one-week window before our programs are scheduled to start. June and July programming is scheduled by the week and later weeks may be opened even if the initial week is not.

Please keep in mind that registration for all paid programs is managed through our online registration system found on our website at [www.fairbankstennis.com](http://www.fairbankstennis.com). Registration for June and July sessions stays until the first day of instruction or event.

### 5. Once registration is open, how do I register for FTA programs?

All paid FTA programs are managed through our online registration system ([fairbankstennis.com](http://fairbankstennis.com)).

If you don't have an account for our online registration system, we suggest you spend a few minutes to set up your account now – that will save some time later, when the registration period opens. To set up your account, go to [fairbankstennis.com](http://fairbankstennis.com) and click on "Register".

If you already have an account from last year and registered for FTA programs online, there is no need to do anything (other than making sure you remember your login information).

## **6. Will there be High School Tennis this fall?**

FTA is actively planning for the High School Season. Decisions regarding HS tennis are made by the FNSB School District and ASAA in accordance with state and local health mandates. We are in contact with the appropriate entities to stay informed regarding fall sports decisions. We will pass along additional information through our electronic channels.

Here is the latest information from the FNSB School District:

"We are hoping we will have fall sports but at this time, all ASAA sports are cancelled until the ASAA Board of Directors meets in early May to discuss whether or not districts can have sports or not. Much of those decisions will be made by the Governor and we will have to follow whatever ASAA and the Governor's mandates say about bringing groups of kids together, more than 10 at a time, etc."

If you would like to be on a contact list for HS Tennis, please email [fairbankstennis@gmail.com](mailto:fairbankstennis@gmail.com) with the subject "High School Tennis Interest List" and provide you name, email address, and school. Also, please review the June and July programming for HS-age events.

## **7. When will FTA provide more information?**

We will share information as soon as it becomes available.

The most current information is available on our website:

<https://www.fairbankstennis.com/Default.aspx?tabid=887061>

## **8. Who can I contact if I have additional questions or comments?**

Please contact a member of the FTA Board of Directors should you have any additional questions or comments:

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