



Guidelines for matches

In partnership with Tennis Québec and the clubs, TFIM presents the guidelines for the 2020-2021 season with respect to the pandemic.

These guidelines will be updated, as needed, based on any new recommendations given by the public security of Quebec..

TFIM's COVID committee will take care of updating any procedures and rules to follow according to the Santé Publique.

Clubs

Each club must follow the recommendation of Tennis Québec and establish an appropriate protocol for their club.

- **Masks must be worn at all times, except on the tennis courts.**
- The Club is not obliged to provide masks.

Our Recommendations:

- A meeting should be held with the clubs designated COVID coordinator, the pros, and the captains of the teams; the recommendations and expectations of TFIM will be explained during this meeting.
- Keep in mind that all protocols must be revised according to any new directives from the government and/or public security.
- Communicate to the captains which courts will be used for warm up and matches before the day of the match to avoid crowds at the reception desk.
- The list of items to consider. For example:
 - Restaurant
 - Arrival to the club
 - Contactless temperature checks
 - Respecting the direction of movement indicated by arrows on the ground
 - Respecting an appropriate social distance where possible
 - Bring your own bottle of water, dispensers will not be available
 - No lounge areas will be accessible in the club
 - Risk and Self-evaluation forms to be used
 - Disinfectant available
 - General information
- Be sure to have an outbreak protocol, ensure that the captains, pros, and reception personnel are aware of it.
- Institute a system for the risk and self-evaluation forms; using the same forms as Tennis Québec
- Have an area available for the opposing team to be able to meet while keeping social distancing possible.

Captains

- The receiving captain must send an email **5 days** before the match to inform the visiting captain of the protocols of their club.
- Ask your players to arrive at the club as close as possible to the reservation time. (this should be specified by each individual club)
- Ask your players to come dressed in their tennis gear and to avoid using the showers in the club as much as possible.
- Remind your players about wearing a mask everywhere in the club except the courts; again, the clubs are not under any obligation to provide a mask.
- Have your players sign the Acknowledgment of Risk and Self-Evaluation forms and remit them to the captain of the receiving team or to the reception of the club when paying the court fees.(this is to be confirmed); it was suggested that the players fill in these forms in advance and return them to their captain and/or club and/or TFIM
- Inform the visiting captain which courts they will have for warm-up and the match in advance
- Captains must remind their players to maintain proper social distancing at all times inside the clubs.

Matches

- Wear a mask until you enter the court.
- Remind your players of the clubs' protocols: do not touch the net, the poles, or the curtains before the start of the match.
- Respect the number of players allowed on the court by the Club;.
- Wash/disinfect your hands when you arrive at the club and again when you get on the court.
- Captains must distribute the balls to each court and have extra cans of balls available.
- Keep the players personal items separate on the court, on different sides of the net.
- Identify one player per court to write the points on the scorecard with her own pen. (a scorecard per court is available to print under COVID-19 on tfimtennis.org). The plastic score cards on the court are not allowed at this time.
- Change sides of the court only between the 1st and 2nd sets. If there is a 3rd set, change sides again. The visiting team has the choice of side for the 1st set. The usual breaks are still in effect, every odd game, between sets etc.
- Wash/disinfect your hands at every break.
- Wash/disinfect your hands before leaving the court, make sure to put your mask back on.
- Respect the number of spectators that are allowed in the club.