

VILLAGE OF PUGWASH

COVID - 19
RULES FOR USE OF THE PUGWASH COURTS
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Introduction

These rules are based on the suggested best practises from *Tennis Nova Scotia*, released May 2020 as a guide on how to make a safe return to tennis during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Many thanks to the Northumberland Tennis and Pickleball Association (NTPA) for their assistance in putting these rules together and volunteering to help keep them enforced.

These rules are intentionally strict to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. We all hope to ease these rules as soon as possible.

Keep safe and stay well.

Rules

These rules target four complementary goals:

- Maintain physical distancing on and off the courts
- Promoting hygiene and cleaning
- Keep records to assist with any needed contact tracing
- Educate players on best practices

Physical Distancing - Off Court

- Hours of operation: 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.
- Players must book time before they arrive at the courts, either by phone (902.243.2946) or by e-mail: events@pugwashvillage.com.
- Courts will remain locked between bookings. Keys will be signed out by Village staff or by arrangement with NTPA.
- Village staff or Village assigned volunteer (hereafter: “attendants”) will check in players maintaining a distance of 2 metres.
- Attendants will direct players on and off courts, opening, shutting and cleaning gate touch points.

Physical Distancing - Off Court - continued

- Attendants will wear masks over their nose and mouth when checking in players.
- Players will bring their own balls and mark them so that they handle only their own balls.
- Players will come to the courts no more than 10 minutes before the time expected to play, and leave immediately when finished playing.
- No in-person social events, tournaments or drop-in events are allowed.
- Spectators are to be discouraged from gathering at the courts.
- No more than five people should be at any one court at any time.

Physical Distancing - On Court

- Only singles tennis will be allowed with one person on each side of the net.
- At this time, due to the very public manner of the Pugwash courts, and with the public not necessarily realizing that doubles players are from the same household, no doubles tennis is to be played.
- Private Lessons are allowed (1 on 1).
- The basketball court will remain closed.

Hygiene

- All common area chairs and tables will be removed from the area to prevent congregating and touching.
- Court gate handles should be wiped down after each use.
- Hand sanitizer or wipes will be available for players and attendants.
- Please obey signage about hygiene.
- Attendants are to clean and disinfect all surfaces touched by players. Disposable gloves will be provided.

Tracking

- A complete and accurate record of who has been at the courts, including the attendant, players and spectators will be kept.
- Records will include a count of equipment in/out and lost.
- Records will be kept as a hard copy, with binders and pen disinfected regularly.
- Collecting this information is necessary in the event that health authorities need to trace who has been at the site.
- Players must be prepared to show identification to the attendants.

Players - Best Practices - Before You Play

- Wash your hands with soap and water (for 20 seconds or longer) or use a hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available, before going to the court.
- Clean and wipe down your equipment, including racquets and water bottles.
- Do not share racquets or any other equipment such as wristbands, grips, hats and towels.
- Bring a full water bottle to avoid touching a tap or water fountain handle.
- Use new balls and a new grip, if possible.
- If you need to sneeze or cough, do so into a tissue or upper sleeve.
- Arrive as close as possible to when you need to be there.
- Avoid touching court gates, fences, net posts, the net tape, benches, etc.

Players - Best Practices - As You Play

- Stay two metres away from your opponent; do not shake hands, high five, or approach to talk.
- Avoid touching your face after handling a ball, racquet or other equipment. Sanitize your hands promptly if you have touched your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Do not share food, drinks or towels.
- Avoid using your hands to pick up the balls. Use your racquet/foot to pick up.
- Stay on your side of court.
- When changing ends with your opponent, do so simultaneously on opposite sides.
- Remain apart from other players when taking a break.
- If a ball from another court comes to you, send it back with a kick or with your racquet.

Players - After You Play

- Leave the court when your playing period is over, following the directions of the attendant.
- Use a hand sanitizer after coming off the court.
- All players should leave the area immediately after play.

Instructors

- Keep complete and accurate records of who played, attended and spectators, if any.
- Instructors should limit the amount of equipment they use.
- Tennis equipment (racquets, towels, target cones, ball tubes, etc.) should be touched only by the Instructor.
- The Instructor will clean equipment frequently using a disinfectant.
- For private serving lessons, have customers bring two cans of balls that only they handle for serving.