

**2020 MIBC TENNIS & PICKLEBALL
GUIDELINES FOR PLAY**

*PHASE 1.5 – Tennis & Pickleball
6.5.2020*

PREPARING TO PLAY

Protect against infections:

- Stay at home if you are sick. Anyone who feels any symptom related to COVID-19, is not allowed on property.
- Players must wear masks on property when they are off the courts.
- Bring your own hand sanitizer to use before and after entering the courts.
- 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.
- Use new balls and a new grip, if possible.
- Consider taking extra precautions such as wearing wristbands, headbands, gloves.
- If you need to sneeze or cough, do so into a tissue or upper sleeve.
- Court time is reserved using an on-line Signup Genius application. Check your court time and arrive as close as possible to your reservation.
- Avoid touching court gates, fences etc.
- Court entry from the staircase (east side) and exit via the paved road (west side). Follow signage.

WHEN PLAYING

- Follow CDC guidelines for social distancing (six feet apart from other players) before, during and after play. Refrain from physical contact (such as shaking hands or a high five).
- When playing doubles, avoid all incidental contact, NO Bryan Brothers Chest Bumps etc.
- Avoid touching your face after handling a ball, racquet, or other equipment. Wash/sanitize your hands promptly if you have touched your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Do not share food, drinks, or towels.
- Use your racquet/foot to pick up balls and hit them to your opponent. Avoid using your hands to pick up the balls.
- You may switch sides as usual but, switch from opposite ends of the net post.
- If a ball from another court comes to you, send it back with a kick or with your racquet.

AFTER PLAYING

- Leave the court on-time such that the next player may safely transition.
- Wash your hands thoroughly or use a hand sanitizer after coming off the court.
- No extra-curricular or social activity should take place. No congregation after playing.
- All players must put on their mask and leave the facility after play.

BALL PROTOCOL

Although unlikely, it is possible that a tennis ball can transmit the COVID-19 virus, as virtually any hard surface can transmit the disease. So here is an extra precaution you can take to keep safe when playing tennis:

- Unless all players on a court are from the same household: Use two new cans of balls for singles or three for doubles. Balls initialed with a marker; server uses the balls with their initial. Three for each server in singles, two each for doubles.

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OUTDOOR TENNIS & PICKLEBALL FACILITY**



**Enter courts via staircase.
(East Side)**



**Exit courts via paved pathway.
(West side)**