



George Ward Tennis Center

- **Marker Placement and Waivers**

Markers will be placed approximately 6 to 8 feet apart on the sidewalk where kids get out of their parent's cars. They will also be placed on the deck outside of our ProShop as well as inside of our ProShop. We will also place markers on the tennis courts – two on each side of each court or four markers per court.

We will ask the parents to sign a waiver not holding us responsible should their child get COVID-19. We will ask the adults to sign also the same waiver if they do a court rental or take a lesson.

- **Cleaning and Disinfecting**

We will clean using soap and water. We will disinfect with a spray bottle using a ratio of 1/3 cup of bleach to one gallon of water. Clorox disinfecting wipes or a suitable disinfectant will be on each court for disinfecting hands and rackets.

The following will be cleaned and disinfected before an adult or junior practice:

Bathrooms, countertops, court benches, nets, gates, hand rails and door handles

- **Coaches**

Coaches will have their name on their basket of balls and will disinfect their hands on the court. The balls in a hopper will be the same number with approximately 20 balls and we will have a spray to disinfect them. For example, each tennis ball has a number on it and the same number will be given to a coach. So the coach on court one may have twenty number one balls in their hopper. The coach on court 3 may have twenty number three balls in their hopper. With this procedure, the balls with a certain number will always be dedicated to a certain coach. When balls are being picked up, the kids are to kick or hit the balls with their racquet. The coach is the only one that can touch the balls. Each coach will be responsible for turning in an attendance sheet after practice to the Junior Coordinator.

- **Assignments Before Practices and Procedures**

We will assign our kids to a coach prior to practice starting. Kids are to bring their own water bottle with them and put their name on their water bottle (2 water bottles recommended with their names). When the kids get out of their parent's car they are to

go to one of the markers on the sidewalk adjacent to the car and a court coordinator will greet them and assign them to the appropriate court. If a thermometer is available, the kids with a temperature above 100.4 will be asked to leave the premise with their parents. We are investigating whether the kids and coaches should wear a mask as well as gloves for practice sessions. The instructor will already be on the court to greet them as their students arrive (only four kids per court). The coach will be responsible for keeping them at least six or more feet apart. The coach will disinfect his hands and basket of balls and also ask the kids to disinfect their hands and racquets.

- **Bathroom Breaks**

If the kids need a bathroom break and are on the lower courts (5, 6, 7 or 8) then they are to go around the fence area of the courts that are above them (1, 2, 3 & 4). **They are not to enter the court area.** When bathroom breaks are taken during practice, the ProShop manager will monitor the ProShop deck to see if any kids are standing on a marker on the deck and allow the student to come inside if there is only one person in the ProShop. Customers are allowed to enter the ProShop if they are paying a bill, getting supplies or going to the bathroom. They must leave the ProShop immediately after transacting business or going to the bathroom.

- **Kids Departing**

A departure coordinator will be on the sidewalk area to maintain the social distancing of the kids and to ensure the kids leave the premise immediately. The coordinator will be responsible for contacting the parents if they are not there on time. When kids are departing, they are to leave by court number. Courts 1 and 2 will depart first and maintain their social distancing of six feet. Parents will be asked to come and get their kids on time and not have them wait on the markers on the sidewalk outside of the ProShop. Courts 3 and 4 kids will depart next following the same procedures as courts 1 and 2. Courts 5 and 6 followed by courts 7 and 8 are to have the same procedures.

- **Privates**

We are investigating whether the kids and coaches should wear a mask as well as gloves for private lessons. The instructor will already be on the court to greet them as they arrive. The coach will also be responsible for keeping the student at least six or more feet apart. The coach will disinfect his hands and basket of balls and also ask them to disinfect their hands and racquets. Students are to bring two bottles of water with their name on each bottle. When the student leaves, the coach is to follow them to the sidewalk area where they will enter their parent's car. If the parent is not there, the coach is responsible for contacting the parent.

The following will be disinfected before the next private lesson:

court benches, nets, gates and hand rails

- **Rain in the forecast**

If there is rain in the forecast, then the parents will be asked to stay at the practice so that the kids will be able to leave the premises immediately. If a parent cannot stay on premise, then their child will miss the practice and they will be asked to leave with their child from the premises. For parents who want to watch the practices, they can watch from their cars or either bring their chairs and place them on one of the markers on the sidewalk to promote social distancing.

- **Adult Practices**

We have adult practices on Saturdays at 9am (tennis) and on Monday at 6pm (pickleball). The adults will be asked to stand on a marker on the sidewalk outside the ProShop like the kids did at the start of their lessons and sign a waiver. If a thermometer is available, the adults with a temperature above 100.4 will be asked to leave the premise. The adults will be assigned a coach and there will not be more than 4 adults on the court at one time. Social distancing will be maintained by the coach. The coach and adults will disinfect their hands and racquets before practice begins. The coach will also disinfect his hopper of balls. We will use the same procedures as we did with the kids for bathroom breaks. The adults will depart their courts in sequence (courts 1, 2, 3, 4, etc.). They will be asked to social distance as they go to their cars.

- **Courts Rentals**

Should someone want to rent a court, we will ask them to maintain their social distancing and get on a marker outside the ProShop. The ProShop manager will let them in at the appropriate time into the ProShop (no more than two people in the ProShop at any time) and have them sign a waiver. If a thermometer is available, the adults and/or kids with a temperature above 100.4 will be asked to leave the premise. It is also recommended that each have their own separate can of balls. The following is suggested:

- Bring their own water bottle
- Disinfect their hands and racquet before playing
- Touch only their balls (unique number on balls)
- If using the bathroom, get on a marker outside the ProShop on the deck and the ProShop manager will tell them when to enter the ProShop
- Leave the premise immediately when their court rental time has expired