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INTRODUCTION

In order to ensure a safe return to tournament play, Tennis Alberta has devised procedures that all officials, tournament organizers, clubs and participants must follow, to mitigate the risk of exposure to, and spread of, Covid-19.

This document applies to all Tennis Alberta sanctioned tennis tournaments which are scheduled to commence in July 2021.

All tournaments and participants (which includes players, support personnel, officials, tournament staff, contractors and any other credentialed individual) must comply with the requirements set out in this document. Furthermore, Tennis Alberta strongly encourage all other non-sanctioned tournaments that are scheduled to be held during the coming months follow the subsequent guidelines outlined in this document.

Information regarding Covid-19 is constantly changing. The information contained within this document is not intended to be a substitute for guidance provided by local, provincial or national health authorities. Tennis Alberta makes no representation as to, and assumes no responsibility for, the accuracy or completeness of the information contained in this document in respect of its effectiveness in preventing or controlling the spread of Covid-19.

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INTRODUCTION (continued)

Tournament Directors/Organizers and host clubs are responsible for ensuring the welfare of all persons involved with competitive events. This document provides Tennis Alberta's guidance regarding the minimum standards that a tournament must implement in order to safeguard the welfare of participants. A tournament may impose higher standards than those described in this document where it considers it appropriate to do so, or where so required by local legislation. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in these protocols preclude the implementation of precautions that aim to manage the risk arising from Covid-19 on an individual or group basis. The Tournament Director/Organizer must ensure that each tournament is conducted in accordance with these protocols as published at the time of the tournament.

This document is subject to change and may be amended from time to time at the discretion of Tennis Alberta. Tennis Alberta will make the latest version available on its website: www.tennisalberta.com. Any questions regarding this document should be addressed to info@tennisalberta.com.



HOW TO USE THIS DOCUMENT

The information contained in this document outlines the main requirements for tournament hosts when organizing tennis tournaments for the remainder of 2021. All tournament hosts, organizers, officials, participants, and support personnel are advised to read this document and to familiarize themselves with the information contained within.





TOURNAMENT HEALTH & SAFETY FRAMEWORK

The framework below forms the basis for the minimum standards that all tournaments must attain to adequately protect the health and safety of participants in relation to Covid-19:

1. Personal hygiene measures must be taken by all participants.
2. Consideration must be given to additional protection for vulnerable individuals.
3. The Referee has sole discretion to cancel a tournament in progress for Covid-19-related reasons.

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TOURNAMENT SITE RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Anyone involved with the tournament (players, officials, tournament organizers) that have Covid-19 symptoms must not under any circumstances attend the tournament site. In case of symptoms occurring on site the concerned individual should inform the tournament organizer and promptly leave the tournament site.
2. Host facilities must provide sanitizing stations, frequently clean communal areas including wash rooms and frequent touch points. On court touch points including chairs, net posts and score cards must be cleaned following each match. Officials will ensure sanitizing measures are conducted prior to the following match being permitted to commence.
3. Masks should be worn in closed spaced indoor areas such as washroom and changing room areas.
4. Additional safety requirements may be required upon updated government health orders being communicated prior to the reopening of stage 3.

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