



Burlington Family Tennis Club

COVID-19 Opening Policies

May 23rd, 2020 (until further notice)

PLEASE NOTE: Anyone using the BTC facilities does so at their own risk and understands that the environment cannot be guaranteed virus-free.

General

- **The clubhouse is not open to members, nor are benches, chairs, or picnic tables. Washrooms are also closed. Players may bring their own chairs, but they are not to be shared.**
- What we envision is a smaller number of people at the court at any one time, playing tennis, and then leaving immediately.
- No guests are permitted at the club at this time.
- Cough responsibly into a tissue or the crook of your elbow. Immediately dispose of the tissue and sanitize your hands.
- All individuals are advised not to touch their faces at any point.
- Online, cashless registration is preferred. This should be available immediately except for junior-only memberships which require on-site parental signatures. If members must pay by cash, extreme caution should be taken when handling cash and all parties involved should wash or sanitize their hands thoroughly.
- All organized programs have recommenced and are being run as per this policy.
- Victor Hoang and his staff will be offering lessons and camps and running the ACE programs. Feel free to reach out to them to book a lesson today. Lesson group sizes will not exceed four players and no more than two players on either side of the court. **Players must sanitize their hands before each lesson, avoid touching their faces during the lesson, and sanitize their hands after each lesson.** The bolded note in the "During Play" section also applies to these lessons and camps.
- The Club Pro or designate will keep an attendance ledger at the court detailing who is using facility and when they are using the facility. Copies will be provided to the BTC Executive for record keeping.
- The Club Pro or designate will manage court lights using appropriate cleaning protocol on touched surfaces.
- The Club Pro may install temporary shelter between club house and court fencing to provide minor rain protection. In the event of rain, the Pro will ensure distancing measures are maintained if the shelter is used.
- **The Club Pro may open washrooms on an "emergency basis" only.**
- The club hours will be as per other seasons on weekdays and will be open until noon on Saturdays and Sundays. If you would like to book courts for later times on the weekends, please arrange this with the Club Pro or his designate at least 24 hours in advance.

Before Play

- Do not come to the club if you suspect that you are sick with COVID-19, have been out of the country, or exposed to any confirmed or probable COVID-19 cases. Do not come to the club if you are vulnerable or at risk (elderly, immunocompromised, suffering from serious health problems such as high blood pressure, pulmonary diseases, diabetes, obesity, or asthma).
- Any person who enters or uses our court facility must maintain a physical distance of at least 2 metres from any other person using the facility.
- **When entering the court facility, use only the gate marked "ENTRANCE".**
- All individuals are encouraged to thoroughly wash their hands with soap and water before coming to the club and to bring hand sanitizer with them to sanitize their hands while at the facility.



- Court booking will take place on site and will be coordinated by our Club Pro or their designate. Our court booking board will not be available at this time. We will make entry to the court non-touch. As such, gates will be open, but you must book the court with the Club Pro or their designate on duty.
- As there is no access to potable water at the club (the clubhouse is closed), **PLEASE BRING ENOUGH WATER FOR YOUR ENTIRE MATCH.**

During Play

- Handshakes, high-fives, elbow taps, et cetera are discouraged. A simple wave, nod, or thumbs-up from at least 2 metres away is welcomed.
- **Players should bring two cans of tennis balls that are marked and easily identifiable by the player. You are to use your balls when you serve and use your opponent's balls when they serve to minimize contact. In other words, only you should touch your tennis balls with and only your opponent should touch their tennis balls. Should you need to pick up your opponent's tennis balls, pick them up with your racquet or feet.**
- **Doubles tennis is available as per OTA guidelines. The same rules regarding ball protocol apply (you should have 4 sets of marked balls and 6'/2m distance must be kept.**
- To avoid contact, be cautious when changing sides (changing on opposite sides of the net).
- Refrain from touching commonly touched surfaces such as nets, posts, et cetera.
- Refrain from sharing towels, racquets, water bottles, or other personal items with playing partners or others at the club.
- Tennis bags and other belongings should be kept at least 2 metres apart. They should be kept on each player's side of the court, respectively, to avoid close proximity.
- One parent of a child 8 years or younger may stay to observe tennis lessons. This parent must observe all physical distancing measures while at the facility. All other parents must drop their player off and leave the club until the lesson is completed.
- Off hours, if you drop by and play and no staff are on duty, all of the above rules still apply. Courts will be available on a first-come first-serve basis if they have not been pre-booked using standard tennis etiquette.

After Play

- **When exiting the court facility, use only the gate marked "EXIT".**
- All individuals are encouraged to thoroughly wash their hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and hot water after leaving the club and to consider washing the bottom of their court shoes before entering their homes.

PLEASE NOTE: All off-hours play must be reported by email within 24 hours of playing (before or after) to the following email address: burltennisclub@gmail.com

Despite these COVID-19 restrictions, we hope that we can all continue to enjoy tennis at the club.

Sincerely,

The Burlington Tennis Executive

July 9th, 2020