

TENNIS AND COVID-19 IN NSW - FAQs

Q. Are we allowed to play tennis under the current Government restrictions?

A. You are allowed to play tennis in groups of two as long as it is within 10km of your home (this is further restricted to 5km for individuals in Penrith, Campbelltown, Parramatta, Georges River, Blacktown, Canterbury-Bankstown, Liverpool and Fairfield LGAs. Anyone who resides in these LGAs is not permitted to leave their LGA to play tennis). This applies to Greater Sydney (including Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Wollongong and Shellharbour), Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Port Stephens, Cessnock, Dungog, Singleton, Muswellbrook, Armidale and Tamworth. Group sessions and doubles are not permitted in these local government areas.

Q. I live in regional NSW, do these restrictions apply to me?

A. These restrictions are for individuals in the Local Government Areas listed in question 1. They also apply to identified regional local government areas from time to time as per NSW Public Health Orders. Community sport in regional NSW (outside specified LGAs) can continue including the delivery of coaching services however all participants must check in, where masks as required and observe social distancing. All indoor spaces must observe 1 person per 4 square metres in regional areas.

Q. Is coaching permitted?

A. In Greater Sydney and the regional LGAs under lockdown restrictions, people may leave home for the purposes of work (while adhering to the distance restrictions noted above) if they cannot work from home. Every coach must undertake their own risk assessment and obtain their own independent advice as to their circumstances, noting that other requirements under the current Public Health Order may be applicable to particular venues.

Q. How many individuals can be coached at one time?

A. Outdoor gatherings are limited to two persons (excluding members of the same household), however that does not apply to a person who is engaged in work for the purpose of that direction. Tennis NSW expects that private coaching of up to two persons would be permitted under the current Public Health Order. However, Tennis NSW strongly encourages you to obtain your own independent advice as your circumstances may be affected by other elements in the Public Health Order.

Q. Do I need to wear a mask while playing tennis?

A. You must wear a mask if you deal directly with a member of the public (e.g., Coaches, Pro-Shop staff, Officials). You must wear a mask in indoor recreation facilities (unless it is strenuous exercise), major recreation facilities or workplaces. Our interpretation is that you do not need to wear a mask



while playing as it is considered strenuous exercise, however our advice would be that when on the sideline, off court, etc. that a mask is worn.

Q. Can we facilitate competition program while adhering to the two-person rule?

A. NSW health has provided advice that no formal competitions or community sport are to take place in Greater Sydney and the regional LGAs who are in lockdown.

Q. Are tournaments and competitions still going ahead?

A. Tennis NSW has put together a tournament calendar that outlines what tournaments are currently scheduled, with events that are impacted by COVID-19 restrictions, Tennis NSW has committed to making a decision regarding the rescheduling and reallocation of impacted tournaments by no later than 14 days prior to the event. For more information regarding tournaments please head to our [website](#).