



RETURN TO TENNIS TOOLKIT

COVID-19 Return to Tennis Court Usage Plan

TENNIS VICTORIA

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The COVID-19 pandemic is having far-reaching impacts on the community that we serve and on the sporting landscape. The measures put in place by government and the recommendations from Tennis Victoria now mean tennis can return, albeit in a restricted way.

These restrictions mean that a limited amount of people will be able to play at any one time; and keeping to social distancing protocols may mean not every court can be used. Given your community will be looking for meaningful activities to participate in after an extended lockdown, how you allocate your courts will be an important decision.

It is anticipated that given the limited playing conditions, demand for courts will be high. These Court Allocation Considerations are designed to assist you making decisions as we return to play.

Court Allocation Considerations

- Consider having a venue representative (ie. committee member or coach) present during opening times (understandably this is challenging for volunteer clubs). This way size of playing groups, hygiene and 'no touch' access can be monitored.
- Implement a court booking system to ensure the number of players and type of play is done in a planned way. Where possible display the court usage plan to facilitate a coordinated approach.
 - Stagger bookings with at least a 10 minute gap to create a buffer between sessions. Consider the maximum time that a court can be booked
 - Consider the usage of lighting for night play
- Refer to the latest Tennis Victoria Return to Tennis Guidelines to ensure suitable court allocation.
- Consider all the stakeholders in your community as you make decisions on the best way to allocate your courts

Club Members

Please refer to Tennis Victoria Guidelines at any given time for reference to the number of players allowed in the venue/on court at any one time.

Coaches

Coaches have been impacted by the temporary closure of tennis. Work with your coach to allocate sufficient court time for the recovery of their programs.

Casual Use

Tennis is a great physical and social activity. If you have the booking platform and the capacity, dedicate time for casual use for the community – this may also help in expanding your membership in the longer term. Please also check your lease which may specify making courts available to the general public.

Schools Use

As schools return the need for facilities will increase. Third parties such as coaches will be unlikely to enter schools for a time, so work with your local schools to allocate court time for them to use your courts while still observing social distancing rules.

Special Needs Use

Members of your local community will be in particular need of the social and physical benefits of tennis after the social isolation of lockdown. Please be proactive about working together with your community in identifying opportunities to provide inclusive and diverse access to your courts.