

New England USTA League FACILITY GUIDELINES

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USTA New England recognizes the COVID-19 pandemic has been affecting different parts of the Section in different ways and with different timing. Before returning to play, please review federal, state, and local guidelines to make informed decisions as to when play can recommence.

In addition to the USTA's Playing Tennis Safely Guidelines for players, facilities, and programming, below are some additional guidelines to implement when hosting USTA League. These Guidelines are subject to revision based on evolving conditions and other factors.

1. Facilities should not allow players on site if they indicate any of the following:
 - Have any of the symptoms of COVID-19 or have had any symptoms of COVID-19 within the last 14 days.
 - Have had contact with someone who either tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 days or is otherwise believed to be infected with COVID-19.
 - Traveled to a high-risk area in the past 14 days.
2. Follow all state and CDC guidelines about cleaning and disinfecting of all facility areas.
3. Post safety notices for players, officials, and spectators.
4. Capture and retain accurate participant information in the event contact tracing becomes necessary.
5. Provide antibacterial wipes and hand sanitizer near all courts and common areas.
6. Follow federal, state, and local guidelines regarding face coverings.
7. Make every effort to eliminate as many touchpoints as possible including, but not limited to, on-court seating, entrances, score tenders, check-in, water fountains, magazines, and lobby furniture.
8. Follow federal, state, and local guidelines when determining to allow spectators. If spectators are allowed, ensure that they can adhere to the required social distancing guidelines.
9. Designate areas for players to position personal items/equipment during play.
 - In areas of less than 6 feet (for ex: check-in desk area) take precaution to ensure interaction by limiting congregation at the facility desk during check in. For example: install plexiglass around the desk area and remove furniture or distance the layout of lobby furniture.
9. One can of balls per court will be provided for a USTA League match:
 - A standard Type 2 USTA approved ball shall be provided per position by the home facility or home team.
 - All balls used in an individual match must be the same brand and type. If a player requests additional balls, the balls must be purchased from the facility or, in the event the home team provides balls, an arrangement may be made between the two teams in advance of the match for additional balls.

By agreeing to host New England USTA League matches and by signing the USTA New England Facility Agreement, you are agreeing that your facility is following and will operate in accordance with the Facility Guideline Document.

The failure by participating facilities to adhere to the Facility Guidelines may result in the imposition of penalties and sanctions on the Facility.