**Kaleen District Tennis Club Return to Play in a COVID-Safe Environment** (current as at 12 November 2021 and applicable until withdrawn by KDTC)

*Based on TennisACT’s COVID-19 Community Tennis Guidelines for Continued Play, Version 4, as updated 11 November 2021.*

These guidelines have been developed to reduce the likelihood of spreading the COVID-19 virus at the Kaleen and District Tennis Club (KDTC). Only if all users of the Club – Committee, members, guests, coaches, coaching clients, parents and spectators – embrace and accept their responsibilities will the risks be minimised.

As an overarching principle, before attending the Club, all attendees should consider their individual situation noting that the COVID-19 virus can spread very quickly and result in very serious medical complications in some people. Like any activities, there are some inherent risks involved and by participating members and guests are accepting those risks.

**CLUB COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

Under this plan, the Club Committee will:

• Prepare a club-specific “Return to Play in a COVID-Safe Environment” plan and provide a copy of the plan and any link to updates via email to members

• Appoint a COVID-19 Safety Officer to help develop, maintain, and monitor procedures to comply with ACT Government Requirements

• Ensure any gathering of people complies with ACT Government COVID-19 restrictions

• Encourage members to adhere to personal behaviours and hygiene practices, as set out below

• Ensure that efforts are made to maintain appropriate social distancing and group numbers

• Ensure that suitable sanitisation products are available for club use

• Ensure club facilities are professionally cleaned once per fortnight at a minimum

• Ensure clear signage for participants outlining the COVID-19 measures that are in place and are updated when measures change;

• Ensure participants details are recorded within the Book-a-Court system and the Check-in CBR App.

**MEMBERS, GUESTS AND VISITORS RESPONSIBILITIES**

KDTC encourages members, guests and visitors to check In using the Check-in CBR app. More details are at the ACT Govt website [Check out the new Check In CBR app - Our Canberra (act.gov.au)](https://www.act.gov.au/our-canberra/latest-news/2020/september/check-out-the-new-check-in-cbr-app#:~:text=%20Follow%20these%20simple%20steps%3A%20%201%20Download,in%20your%20community%20knowing%20you%20are...%20More%20) (right click on this link).

Members, guests and visitors are asked not to visit the Club if they:

• Have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days

• Have visited a COVID-19 exposure site in the past 14 days – right click for a list of exposure sites [COVID-19 exposure locations in the ACT - COVID-19](https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/act-status-and-response/act-covid-19-exposure-locations#:~:text=List%20of%20ACT%20exposure%20locations%20%20%20,%20%2012%3A00am%20%2014%20more%20rows%20)

• Have been overseas in the last 14 days

• Have flu-like symptoms;

• Are under Stay At Home orders, or are in quarantine;

• Are in a high risk health category.

Social distancing

Tennis is a sport which requires minimal direct contact between players. Contact can be further minimised by:

• Touching racquets instead of the regular pre or post match handshakes

• Keeping 1.5 metres away from other people.

Personal Behaviours:

To protect against infection, players should:

• Wash/sterilise their hands before and after play and avoid touching their face while playing

• Not share water bottles or towels.

• Wash their hands frequently with soap and water or hand-sanitiser, before and after eating, after going to the toilet, sneezing and coughing

• Cover their coughs and sneezes and dispose of any used tissue immediately

• Keep their distance from people who are obviously sick

• Be aware of what surfaces they touch and if court equipment such as net, net handle, hoses, and court squeegees are touched, players must clean these before they leave.

COVID-19 Diagnosis and Notification

Should a member who has attended the courts and/or clubrooms in the last two weeks be diagnosed with, or come into contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, they should contact the KDTC Covid Safety Officer by phone/text message or email immediately (do not physically approach the Safety Officer). The Covid Safety Officer will contact the ACT Health COVID-19 Helpline on (02) 6207 7244 for guidance on contact tracing and potential isolation.

**COACHES’ RESPONSIBILITIES**

• Full coaching classes are allowed and no density limits apply

• There is no cap on the coaches’ hours

• Maintain social distancing at all times including when giving feedback and while players are resting

• Payments to be made online via EFTPOS – avoid handling cash

Tennis equipment

There is no specific evidence that tennis balls can spread COVID-19. However, we know that respiratory droplet contamination on hard surfaces can potentially survive for some time. Therefore, coaching staff:

• are to ensure they wash/disinfect their hands before entering and after coming off the courts

• are to refrain from touching their face after touching a ball, racquet or other shared tennis equipment

• are to use new balls and racquet grips where possible;

• are to replace all balls if someone with/suspected to have COVID-19 comes in contact with them;

• are to sanitise their hands at regular intervals while on court.

**CLUBHOUSE ACCESS**

The Clubhouses is open with a maximum of 25 people. No masks are required.

**CLEAN ENIRONMENT**

The Committee recognises that a clean environment will help minimise the risk of Covid-19 infection and undertakes to:

• Provide soap, hand-sanitiser or wipes at all main contact points. In particular, sanitiser is to be provided at the front gate

• Encourage participants to bring their own sanitiser, soap or wipes.

• Regularly remind and encourage everyone, particularly juniors, of the need to wash hands regularly and adopt the other principles of a good hygiene strategy

• Display signage about handwashing and hygiene techniques

• Maintain a strict cleaning regime at the venue. While a maintaining a clean environment is everyone’s responsibility, the cleaning regime is shared between:

* The Committee who have contracted professional cleaners to thoroughly clean the clubhouse including toilet and shower facilities on a fortnightly basis;
* The coaching staff from Get Set Tennis – as set out above; and
* Overall monitoring and review of the cleaning regime by the Club’s Covid Safety Officer who will report to the Club Committee.

**Organising tennis activities**

• From 12 November no density limits apply outdoors;

• Organised tennis events are permitted, such as local tournaments, social tennis and competition;

• All court hire bookings are to be made online at https://play.tennis.com.au/

• Leave gates ajar during opening hours so players do not need to touch handles to enter.

• Provide sanitising facilities at the gate for cleaning each time the pin pad and gate is used, and put a notice up to this effect.

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