

COVID-19 RETURN TO TENNIS

Due to lockdown restrictions, we are pleased that members can continue to enjoy tennis and have court access in a socially distanced capacity.

The committee has taken into consideration all rules and recommendations from our stakeholders which include the State/Federal Government, Tennis Australia, Banyule City Council and Victoria Police. These stakeholders have been informed of the below guidelines.

Anyone seen to be flaunting or in breach of any of the expectations will face consequences which may also impact the wider club ie: club closure and club/individual fines. We urge you to do the right thing to keep each other and our community safe.

OPERATING GUIDELINES

Everyone in Melbourne Metro and Regional Victoria MUST wear a mask.

To play social tennis, you don't need to wear a mask while playing but are required to carry one in your pocket at all times and wear before and after play (having it on until you take to the court and then putting it back on before you leave).

The only exemption to this is if a person has a medical condition where they cannot wear a mask, in which case, said person should have a medical certificate or proof to show that they cannot wear a mask for a legitimate medical reason. Saying that their mask is “in the car” or something similar is not an excuse and not acceptable.

- To coach tennis, you should wear a mask at all times – the only exception to this would be if a coach was physically participating in a simulated match play situation (i.e. running around playing full points/games on a full court setting with a student) in which case they could remove it for this, but would need to put it back on before interacting with anyone again or once going back to non-match coaching. If in doubt or unsure, please just err on the side of caution and keep your mask on.
- Children under the age of 12 are not required to wear a mask at any stage – but can if they want to. Children aged between 12-18yrs fall within the category of the first point.
- Even if a family is playing socially together and not interacting with anyone else, masks still need to be carried and used as per the points above.

Permitted Club Activity

- **UPDATE**
- MEMBERS ONLY (do not bring anyone who is not a member)
- Bookings to be made through Book A Court (BAC). **Ensure you list all attending members for your session in BAC. This will be used for contact tracing and will replace the need to email the club each time you attend**
- If you are unwell DO NOT access the club and if you have a booking, cancel so someone else can book
- No competition is permitted (until further notice) as per Tennis Australia (TA) and Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) guidelines
- The clubhouse is always to remain locked; no access permitted to anyone. If you have a club key, the committee trusts that you will **not** use it
- Public toilets are located adjacent the club
- You must not travel more than 25kms from your usual place of residence to the club
- If attending the club from your place of work, you must carry a work permit
- Social distance at least 1.5m apart, DO NOT gather, congregate and/or 'hang out' at the club. GET IN. PLAY. GET OUT.
- **There is no restriction on household numbers, you may play doubles with members from various households.**
- **Maximum of 10 patrons at the facility at any time (excluding the minimum number of required coaching staff/volunteers)**

Court Usage

- **Courts 4 and 6** will be available for bookings through BAC (booking times will be impacted by coaching sessions which occur Mon-Fri from 4pm-8pm)
- Bookings cannot exceed 1 hour (except when in use by Wright Tennis)
- Latest booking to end by 11pm (lights out)
- Members only
- **There is no restriction on household numbers, you may play doubles with members from various households.**
- No spectators permitted
- Members must bring their own PPE (personal protective equipment, ie: gloves, masks, disinfectant wipes, etc) including hand sanitizer.
- Members to bring their own drink bottle, drinking taps are not permitted to use
- Members **must wipe down equipment and surfaces after touching them**



Incident Reporting

- Report any incidents by emailing macleodtc@hotmail.com or phoning 0421 212 237
- This includes near/miss, injury, property damage, illness, etc
- You MUST report if you are suspected or confirmed as having COVID-19 or have been in contact with someone who is a suspected or confirmed case

We thank you for your patience during this difficult time. Although it will be a while away, we look forward to seeing you all as soon as possible for a social function. Please take extra care of yourselves, loved ones and the community. Stay safe and happy hitting.

Macleod Tennis Club Committee

