

27 March 2020

Dear Tennis Stakeholders,

**RE: Recommendation to temporarily cease tennis activity in the ACT**

With the increasing restrictions on social and community activities in the ACT and following consultation with ACT Government, the Tennis ACT Board, and feedback from the Canberra tennis community, Tennis ACT and Tennis World have now ceased all operations at the Canberra Tennis Centre.

Tennis ACT is aware that several clubs and coaches have now made the same decision.

Accordingly, **Tennis ACT is now recommending that tennis activity in the ACT temporarily cease by 11pm Saturday 28 March:**

- **all tennis programmes and coaching now be cancelled, including one on one coaching, until further notice;**
- **all club and social play now be cancelled until further notice; and**
- **all tennis clubs and centres now close until further notice.**

This has been an extremely difficult step to take for Tennis ACT and it is understood that this step will be equally difficult for tennis clubs in the ACT. However, the health and safety of the Canberra community is the priority at this time. We know that many people have been looking for ways to remain active while adhering to social distancing guidelines, however we feel that this decision is in the best interests of the community. We are also aware of the impact this will have on the dedicated coaching network we have here in the ACT.

Tennis ACT staff are all working remotely and are available to support clubs and coaches through this challenging time.

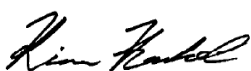
- Support, advice, information and resources to support our club and coaches are available through our Tennis ACT representatives (Mark La Brooy, Jake Lalliard and Colin Thompson).
- For our coaching operators, the following advice is available in relation to the relevant Government grants that your business may be able to access to assist you through these challenging times:  
<https://www.tennis.com.au/play/covid-19/coaches/finance-and-insurance-faqs>

Recommendations to temporarily cease tennis activity also now exist for Victoria, Western Australia and NSW. Due to infection rates of this virus varying substantially across all States and Territories, Tennis Australia will continue to work with the State and Territory tennis bodies to ensure compliance with the different Federal and State or Territory government recommendations.

We are exploring all appropriate options for resuming tennis in a safe way when health officials deem it appropriate. This pandemic and these exceptional circumstances will pass and we want to work with our partners to ensure tennis is back bigger and better than ever.

Please stay safe and take care.

Kind Regards,



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