



COVID-Safe competition guidelines (Version 1 – 19 January 2021)

The NSNTA is committed to the health, safety and wellbeing of all players in our competitions. These guidelines outline the responsibilities of players, clubs and spectators, to ensure matches can be played safely in response to COVID-19. NSNTA Committee members will be conducting spot checks at venues to ensure these guidelines are being adhered to.

Key changes

- All players and spectators must check in on arrival
- Supper is not required to be provided
- Clubrooms are not required to be open, except for the use of toilets
- No handshakes

Player responsibilities

Before you play

- Before attending a tennis venue or playing tennis, you should consider your individual situation. The COVID-19 virus can spread very quickly and result in very serious medical complications in some people. Like any activity, there are some inherent risks involved and by participating you are accepting those risks.
- You **must not** participate in NSNTA competitions if:
 - you returned from overseas in the past 14 days
 - you are required to be in self-isolation/self-quarantine
 - you have been in close contact with a person who has a reported or suspected case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the past 14 days
 - you have a fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath or other cold/flu-like symptoms.
- As clubhouses may be closed, change facilities may not be available. You therefore should have changed and be dressed ready for play prior to arriving at the venue.
- You are encouraged to download COVID-Safe app.

Pre-match

- Bring your own equipment, including hand sanitiser, snacks and drinks (do not share with others).
- Both team captains must bring their own pen. Captains must sanitise their hands before and after filling in the sheet.
- Sanitise your hands prior to entering the court.
- Carry a mask on you at all times and wear it if you cannot physically distance.

On court

- Tennis ball tins should only be touched by one player.
- Change ends on opposite sides of the net.
- On court chairs or benches should avoid being used. They should not be shared. If used, they need to be sanitised after usage.
- On court scoreboards should not be used.
- Minimise the number of people using each court sweeper, and sanitise touched areas when practical.
- Avoid directly touching your face while playing.
- Touch racquets instead of the regular pre-match and post-match handshakes.

Post-match

- Captains must sanitise their hands before and after signing the sheet. The away captain may take a photo of match result sheet instead of taking the carbon copy.
- The home team is not required to provide supper, and supper should not be expected.
- The home team may choose to offer supper if they can do so safely. If home teams want to offer supper, consideration should be given to potential outdoor options.

Club responsibilities

State and local government requirements

- Clubs must ensure they comply with all State and local government requirements. These can vary between local government areas. Clubs should regularly monitor for any changes to these requirements.

Contact details

- Government guidelines require clubs to keep records of everyone attending their venue for longer than 15 minutes. This must include their first name, a contact phone number and the time and date of attendance.
- Clubs may choose to do this electronically, using the free [Victorian Government QR Code service](#) or another QR Code provider, or using a manual paper based system.
- Clubs should have a paper based option available for anyone who cannot use a QR code.
- The home captain must ensure all players and any spectators check in on arrival.

Clubhouses

- Clubhouses can be open subject to applicable density limits.
- Clubhouses should advise how many maximum people are permitted into their venue using [this signage](#).
- If Clubhouses are not open, clubs must provide toilet facilities

Signage, hygiene and cleaning

- Clubs must display COVID-19 signage at entrance.
- Clubs must make hand-sanitiser and/or soap available to all participants.
- Clubs must ensure toilets are cleaned regularly, at least daily on competition days.

Venue and spectator management

- Clubs must take into account their other activities, such as coaching, and ensure social distancing requirements are met. For example, large numbers of coaching students leaving a venue at 7.00 pm at the same time as competition players are arriving may not meet these requirements.
- Home club representatives must ensure spectators are managed and comply with physical distancing requirements. They can ask some spectators to leave if necessary to ensure social distancing.

Spectator responsibilities

- Spectators are permitted within the venue cap limits.
- All spectators must check-in on arrival.
- Spectators must comply with physical distancing requirements.
- Home club representatives can limit the number of spectators if necessary.
- Spectators should only stay for the period of time they need to be there.

Association contact

If players require further information about these guidelines, they should contact their Club Delegate. Club Delegates who require further information, should contact the Association's COVID-19 contact officer:

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If any club becomes aware of a player who participated in an NSNTA match testing positive for COVID-19, they must immediately notify the Association's COVID-19 contact officer.