



## Return to Play Guidelines

TO: USTA Georgia Tournament Directors and Referees

FR: USTA Georgia Junior & Adult Tournament Department Staff

RE: COVID-19 Tournament Policies

In light of an abundance of caution relating to the moving dynamics of the Coronavirus (Covid-19), the USTA Georgia Junior and Adult Tournament Department has adopted these short term policies for all tournaments being held in July. These policies will be updated as needed and may be extended through the summer. Effective immediately, these policies are in place for all sanctioned USTA Georgia tournaments:

- **All government regulations at the time must be followed.** Tournament staff will monitor their Municipal and County Health guidelines and CDC advisories on a daily basis. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> .
- **All Facility rules and requirements must be followed.**
- **Before entries close**, the tournament director will list the procedures that the tournament will use to sanitize common areas and keep players safe. Location of hand sanitizers should be included in this message.
- Players to temporarily refrain from handshakes after the conclusion of matches. In substitution of this, we suggest a light racket tap instead.
- Tournaments shall limit access to their clubhouse to enable social distancing.
- Adult and Junior tournaments may offer doubles if social distancing is maintained.
- No indoor court play.
- Tournament Director & Referee: Please post all relevant Information (including the [Player and Spectator Guidelines](#)) on your tournament homepage and update regularly as needed due to any changing conditions.

The two directives below **must** be posted on your tournament website page:

- **If you do not feel comfortable playing tennis- DO NOT PLAY.** Only play if you are comfortable playing. Each person is responsible for his or her own safety during these unknown challenging times. BE SAFE.
- **If you are sick with any symptoms at ALL, DO NOT ATTEND OR PLAY A MATCH!**

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