

CITA 2020-2021
COVID-19 RELATED TEMPORARY RULES

The following temporary rules will apply to all CITA matches through December 2020. At Winter Break, these rules will be assessed and it will be determined if these rules shall remain in effect through the balance of the season.

In light of the pandemic, all players must comply with the State and Local rules and restrictions. Players must also comply with any rules at the Club at which their match is being held. As the rules regarding this pandemic have fluctuated since they were first imposed in March, players must be aware and ready to comply with any changes in these rules and regulations.

With regard to the specific rules regarding match play:

1. **Masks:** Players are currently not required to wear masks on the court **UNLESS** it is required by local or club rules. Players must comply with any local or club rules and should be aware that state rules may change. All players should always keep a mask in their bag and comply with mask and social distancing regulations.

2. **Balls:** The home team will be required to provide tennis balls for match play. Each player will receive two tennis balls to be used during their own service games. Please plan on having a unique way to mark your service tennis balls (keep a marker in your bag, and when not in use, place your tennis balls in a uniquely identifiable spot, etc) . Other players on the court should refrain from touching any other ball on the court. Use your racquet or shoe to return the balls to the server. If a player's service tennis ball is contaminated by another player, they may request an additional tennis ball.

3. **Screens:** When possible, screens on the court will remain closed during match play to further create social distancing.

4. **Outside Courts:** When available, the home team may use their outside courts for matches while the weather permits.. The home team will notify the away team at the time the lineups are submitted that outside play will occur.

5. All leagues may use the **Sanctioned Double Default Rule** if needed. Each team may choose to play 4 courts instead of 6 (or 3 courts instead of 4 in four court league) without penalty, IF the following 3 day notification is made to the opposing captain by **8:00 pm** in the time frame below:

For matches on **Wednesday**, the opposing captain must be notified by the prior **Sunday**.

For matches on **Thursday**, the opposing captain must be notified by the prior **Monday**.

For matches on **Friday**, the opposing captain must be notified by the prior **Tuesday**.

For matches on **Saturday**, the opposing captain must be notified by the prior **Wednesday**.

For matches on **Sunday**, the opposing captain must be notified by the prior **Thursday**.

If there are any additional defaulted courts, normal default rules will apply.

Any club that would like to start the season using Sanctioned Double Defaults for **ALL** of their scheduled matches should notify Jennifer Perry that they are intending to do so and the time frame for which they would like the Sanctioned Double Defaults (through September, through October, etc.)

Please note that

6. **Lunches:** There will be no food or gathering after the matches.

7. **Scorecards:** One person on the court will be designated the "scorer" for the match. Only that person will touch the scorecards for the duration of the match. If there are no scorecards, a paper and pen will be provided.