



North Suburban Junior Tennis Association



COVID-Safe competition guidelines (Version 4 – 26 January 2022)

The NSJTA is committed to the safety and wellbeing of every child who takes part in our activities, programs and events. These guidelines outline the responsibilities of players, team managers, parents, clubs and spectators, to ensure matches can be played safely and prevent the spread of COVID-19. NSJTA Match Committee members will be conducting spot checks at venues to ensure these guidelines are being adhered to.

Key requirements

- Players must not play if required to be in isolation
- All players and spectators must check-in for each match
- Clubrooms must comply with density limits and toilets must be available
- Tap racquets instead of handshakes

Vaccination requirements

State Government requirements

- Players are not required to be vaccinated to participate in community sport, including the NSJTA competition, if the space is being operated only for the purpose of community sport.
- State Government guidelines state persons aged under 18 years are excepted persons and vaccination requirements do not apply.

Positive cases

Players in isolation

- Players must isolate in accordance with State Government requirements (for 7 days as at 26 January 2022) if they test positive for COVID-19 or are a close contact.
- Club Delegates should assist their teams to find played up players or emergencies if some players can't play due to isolation requirements.
- If a team cannot field enough players for a match, they will need to forfeit.

Positive case played in match

- If any club becomes aware of a player who recently participated in an NSJTA match testing positive for COVID-19, they must immediately notify the opposing club's Delegate and both clubs should notify all players so they can monitor for symptoms.
- The club with the COVID-19 positive player must also inform the Association's COVID-19 contact officer.

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 NSJTA matches if you are required to be in isolation because you have been diagnosed with COVID-19, you are a close contact, or you are otherwise required to be isolated under State Government guidelines.

Pre-match

- Bring your own equipment, including hand sanitiser, snacks and drinks (do not share with others).
- Carry a face mask on you at all times and wear it as needed by State Government requirements.
- Check-in to the venue on arrival.

On court

- Change ends on opposite sides of the net to your opponent/s
- Avoid directly touching your face while playing
- Touch racquets instead of the regular pre-match and post-match handshakes
- Wash/sterilise your hands before and after you play
- Do not share water bottles and bring your own full water bottle instead
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with your elbow
- Be aware of what surfaces you touch and ensure you clean them after play

Team manager responsibilities

- Both team managers must bring their own pen.
- Team managers must sanitise their hands before and after filling in the sheet. Only team managers should fill out the sheet during the day.
- Team managers should provide tennis balls to players by rolling them out of the can. Cans should be touched by one person only.
- Team managers must sanitise their hands before and after signing in the sheet at the end of the match. Players (team captains) are not required to sign the sheet for this season.

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

- Records must be kept of everyone using the facility, using the [Victorian Government QR Code service](#).
- Clubs should also provide a paper-based alternative for people who cannot sign in electronically.

Clubhouses

- Clubhouses can be open subject to density limits (as at 26 January 2022, a density quotient of 1 person per 2 sqm applies)
- Clubs should advise the maximum number of people permitted into their clubhouse using appropriate signage (such as the signage that can be [downloaded here](#)).
- 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.
- If clubhouses are open, they must be regularly cleaned in accordance with State Government requirements.

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.
- Venue supervisors must ensure spectators are managed and comply with social distancing requirements.
- Venue supervisors may ask some spectators (other than one parent per player) to leave if necessary to ensure social distancing.

Rain delays

- In the event of rain, Club supervisors must make a decision quickly whether to declare the match a washout. They must ensure players and parents do not wait around in groups without social distancing. They must consider their club's individual circumstances, including the number of teams, whether their clubrooms open, and whether their club has sheltered areas for players and spectators to wait.
- For this season, the NSJTA Match Secretary will exercise greater discretion to call a blanket washout if it is likely matches will be regularly interrupted by rain.

Parent and spectator responsibilities

- Parents and spectators are permitted within the venue cap limits. Venue supervisors can limit the number of spectators to one parent per player if necessary.
- All parents and spectators must check-in on arrival.
- Parents and 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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