

Chatham Borough 2020 Tennis Court Rules

Players should follow these rules of play and conduct:

PREPARING TO PLAY

- ◆ Cloth face coverings should be worn strategically while entering tennis courts while maintaining social distancing of at least six feet.
- ◆ Wash your hands with a disinfectant soap and water (for 20 seconds or longer) before coming to the courts and use a hand sanitizer before going onto the court. Re-apply hand sanitizer as necessary.
- ◆ Clean and wipe down your equipment, including racquets and water bottles. **DO NOT** share racquets or any other equipment such as wristbands, grips, hats and towels.
- ◆ Bring a personal full bottle of water or two to ensure proper hydration.
- ◆ Use new balls, if possible. Touch balls as little as possible.
- ◆ Avoid touching court gates, fences, benches, etc. if you can.

WHEN PLAYING

- ◆ **SINGLES PLAY ONLY.** No spectators are allowed on the courts.
- ◆ **Double Play** (permitted only between family members).
- ◆ **Stay at least a minimum of six feet apart from other players.**
- ◆ **COMMERCIAL USE OF TENNIS COURTS IS PROHIBITED.**
- ◆ **NO PRIVATE LESSONS PERMITTED.**
- ◆ **SINGLE PLAY IS LIMITED TO 60 MINUTES RUNNING TIME WHEN OTHERS ARE WAITING. DOUBLES PLAY IS LIMITED 90 MINUTES.** No extra time allowed completing games.
- ◆ Avoid touching your face after handling a ball or other equipment.
- ◆ Avoid sharing food, drinks or towels.
- ◆ Use your racquet or foot to pick up balls and hit them to your opponent. Avoid using your hands to pick up the balls.
- ◆ Stay on your side of the court.
- ◆ Remain apart from other players when taking a break.
- ◆ If a ball from another court comes to you, send it back with a kick or with your racquet.
- ◆ Carriages, bikes, foods, drinks (other than water), etc. are to be left outside the court fencing.
- ◆ Animals are not permitted within the tennis fencing. Courts are to be used for tennis only.

AFTER PLAYING

- ◆ Cloth face coverings should be worn strategically while exiting tennis courts while maintaining social distancing of at least six feet.
- ◆ Use a hand sanitizer after coming off the court. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water as soon as possible. **NO** Extra-Curricular or social activity should take place. **NO** congregation at courts or parking areas after playing.

ALL PLAYERS ARE ASKED TO PLEASE RESPECT THESE RULES - FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE RULES MAY RESULT IN CLOSURE OF THE COURTS. These rules are subject to change, as necessary, by Chatham Borough Administrator.