



Sea Colony Tennis Re-Opening Statement & Social Distancing Guidelines

We are excited to announce that we will have five (5) of our fourteen (14) outdoor hard courts open for social play beginning Friday, May 8th from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm! Play will be available in 90-minute increments (i.e. 7:30-9 am, 9-10:30 am, 10:30 am-12 pm, etc). Summer Members will be permitted to reserve outdoor courts starting at 10:30 am, 24 hours in advance. In addition, private lessons are available on Friday, May 8th and adult clinics will begin on Saturday, May 9th.

Because the pro shop will be closed to the public, ALL court/lesson reservations must be made in Court Reserve or by phone.

Summer Members: ALL court reservations for Summer Members must be made by phone. When making reservations, all players' names must be provided (this will allow for contact tracing).

Owners: When making reservations on Court Reserve, all players' names must be included (this allows for contact tracing). Names can be added to the "Notes" section of the reservation in Court Reserve.

Please notify the pro-shop with any changes. There will be a staff member in the pro shop to answer the phone, take reservations, and handle any issues that may arise.

Listed below are some of the changes that have been made regarding the outdoor tennis courts:

- When coming to play, bring as few personal items on the court as possible
- Please bring your own water or sport drink, water will no longer be provided on the court
- When entering/exiting a court use the designated gates which must be left open
- Adjacent court play will not be permitted
- Each player should use their own balls (see specific Guidelines below)
- Use your racquet to pass a ball to another player
- Stay on your side of court. Avoid changing ends of the court.
- Please wrap up play 5 minutes before your time is over to ensure a no contact transition
- Do not enter court area until previous players have exited
- Bathrooms will NOT be available until further notice
- There will be NO walk-on play
- Face masks/coverings are recommended
- Pickleball reservations may be made beginning at 12pm. However, play is limited to singles only at this time

Pro Shop Hours of Operation:

- Open 7 days a week, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Courts are available for social play from 7:30 am - 6:00 pm
- Lessons are available from 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Ball Machine is not available

Player Social Distancing Guidelines

As much as we would like to have you enjoy outdoor tennis, please DON'T visit us if you:

- Are exhibiting any symptoms of the coronavirus: mild to severe respiratory illness with fever, cough and difficulty breathing, or other symptoms identified by the CDC.
- Have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
- Are a vulnerable individual. A vulnerable individual is an individual 60 years of age or older, and/or an individual with serious underlying health conditions, including high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma and those whose immune system is compromised such as by chemotherapy for cancer and other conditions requiring such therapy. (For states and regions in Phase Three, a vulnerable individual can resume public interactions, including playing tennis, but should practice physical distancing.) At this time there are no states in Phase Three.

Also, per DE Declaration of State of Emergency:

- Any individual who arrives at the club from another state, must immediately self-quarantine for fourteen (14) days from the time of entry into Delaware or for the duration of the individual's presence in Delaware, whichever period is shorter.

While at the facility, to the extent possible, all patrons must maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person. If maintaining social distancing of six (6) feet between individuals of different households is impracticable, individuals must wear a face covering.

All junior players under 16 years old must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian.

Preparing to Play

- Wash your hands with a disinfectant soap and water (for 20 seconds or longer), or use a hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available, before going to the court.
- 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 full water bottle. Water will not be provided on the courts.
- Use new balls and a new grip, if possible.
- Consider taking extra precautions such as wearing gloves.
- If you need to sneeze or cough, do so into a tissue or upper sleeve.
- Arrive as close as possible to when you need to be there.
- Avoid touching court gates, fences, benches, etc. if you can. Designated entering/exiting gates will be left open at all times.

When Playing

- Try to stay at least six feet apart from other players. Do not make physical contact with them (such as shaking hands or a high five).
- You should consider not playing doubles, which could lead to incidental contact and unwanted proximity. If you do play doubles, avoid all incidental contact, NO Bryan Brothers Chest Bumps and NO whispering to each other from a close distance to strategize.
- Avoid touching your face after handling a ball, racquet or other equipment. Wash your hands promptly if you have touched your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Avoid sharing food, drinks or towels.
- Use your racquet/foot to pick up balls and hit them to your opponent. Only use your hands to pick up your own, marked balls.
- Stay on your side of court. Avoid changing ends 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.

After Playing

- Leave the court as soon as reasonably possible.
- Wash your hands thoroughly or use a hand sanitizer after coming off the court.
- Do not use the locker room or changing area. Shower at home.
- No extra-curricular or social activity should take place. No congregation after playing.
- All players should leave the facility immediately after play.

Tennis Ball Use

Although unlikely, it's possible that a tennis ball can transmit the COVID-19 virus, as virtually any hard surface can transmit the disease. So here is an extra precaution you can take to keep safe when playing tennis:

- When playing singles, each player should use their own can of tennis balls and if necessary, label them to differentiate them from their opponent's. Singles opponents from the same household may use the same can of balls.
- When playing doubles, each player should use their own can of tennis balls, and if necessary, label them to differentiate them from the other players' balls. Same household partners or opponents can share the same can of balls.
- When playing, make sure to pick up your own set of balls only. Should another player's ball wind up on your side of the court, do not touch the ball with your hands. Use your racquet head or feet to advance the ball to the other side of the court.

Lesson and Clinic Player Guidelines

- No serving.
- No ball pick-up by student. Only pro may use ball hopper or mower. Student may direct balls with racquet to area for pro to pick up.
- Students may not touch teaching aides or fitness equipment during lessons.
- Current lesson/clinics students must exit court area before next student(s) enter the court area.
- Players must bring their own water.
- Players must use designated enter/exit gates for lesson/clinic.
- All junior players under 16 years old must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian.

We look forward to seeing you soon, and want to assure you we are following CDC safety and social distancing guidelines. It is imperative that we comply with all rules and social distancing guidelines so we are not forced to close the courts again. [Please view the images below for entering and exiting court procedures.](#)

Entering & Exiting Courts

Oceanside Courts - 33 & 31 available for play



- Players will enter at the East side of the courts as indicated with yellow stars.
- Players will exit at the North/South side of the adjoining court as indicated with red arrows.
- Parking is available adjacent to the courts on the East side.

West Lake Courts - 15 & 14 available for play



- Players will enter at the South side of the courts as indicated with yellow stars.
- Players will exit at the West/East side of the courts as indicated with red arrows.
- Parking is available on the South side of the courts.

Teaching Courts - Courts 12 & 9 available for teaching. Court 8 available for social play.



- Players will enter at the North side of the courts as indicated with yellow stars.
- Players will exit at the South side of the courts as indicated with red arrows.
- Parking available as normal in the lot on Racquet Lane.