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TENNIS CONSIDERATIONS

Each school should develop a plan with their local health officials to successfully complete the fall season. Below are considerations to include in your plan.

Special Considerations for the use of the following equipment:

- Tennis Balls
- Rackets
- Ball Bags
- Flip Scorecards
- Ball Machines
- Basket Pickups
- Towels
- Water Bottles
- Gloves are permissible for all players, coaches and officials.
- Each team is responsible for its own towels, hand sanitizer and med kit

Special Considerations for the use of the following components of the facility:

- Nets
- Fences/Gates
- Bleachers
- Benches
- Warm-Up Areas
- Team Areas
- Locker Rooms
- Concession
- Clubhouse
- Bathrooms/Portable restrooms
- Hydration stations
- Entry/Exit

Practices – Screenings, face coverings and individual hygiene of all participants should be followed in accordance with WHSAA Smart Start Guidelines and the WHSAA Screening/Monitoring form should be utilized.

- Workouts/practices should be conducted in “pods” of participants with same players practicing together to limit overall exposure
- Players should maintain the recommended six feet of distancing between individuals and have no physical contact with each other
- No sharing of equipment (except tennis balls)
- All activities (including meetings) occur outdoors
- Avoid grouping of athletes at the start and end of practices and during transition times
- Face coverings are optional while playing but are **recommended** before and after practice for everyone (athletes and coaches)

Events - WHSAA Smart Start Guidelines must be utilized for all events.

- Spring matches will be one-day events per Rule 7.13.15.
- No pre or post-meet handshakes or fist bumps should take place
- Pre-match introductions are allowed.

- During changeovers, one player or doubles team from each school should be at the opposite net post to enhance social distancing during the match. They should not be on the same side during changeovers.
- Face coverings are optional while playing but are **recommended** before and after matches (when not playing) for everyone (coaches and athletes).
- It is **recommended**, all event workers utilize face coverings, and gloves when appropriate
- No pre or post game gatherings should take place to assist in limiting exposure. (i.e. Tailgating, BBQ's, etc.)

Post Season:

One two-day event is allowed per Rule 7.13.15.

USTA Safety Links:

<https://www.usta.com/en/home/usta-covid-19-updates.html#/tennissafety>