

Parks, Forestry & Recreation
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Dear Community Tennis Club,

As part of the City of Toronto's commitment to keeping you informed, we'd like to provide you with an important update.

As the tennis season is quickly approaching Parks, Forestry & Recreation is reaching out to our clubs to confirm your interest in beginning the season under the current Provincial Orders.

Given there are restrictions in place and opening your club may not be an opportune time, P,F&R is providing clubs the below options. Please advise in writing by March 30, 2021 of your clubs preference.

Club options for the 2021 season:

- **Operate as a Club:** Clubs can begin as of April 1, 2021, under attached Toronto Public Health guidance document, terms and conditions with a signed permit and declaration noting all are subject to change based on any revisions to Provincial Orders. The permit will be issued under Grey Zone- no instructional lessons permitted.
- **Postpone:** Clubs have the option of postponing their season until Provincial Orders allow clubs to operate in full, please confirm in writing by March 30 2021.
- **Open to Public:** Clubs can remain open to operating as a public court- please confirm in writing by March 30, 2021
- **Close:** Clubs can close for the 2021 season- with no access to the facility- please confirm in writing by March 30, 2021.

Should your club wish to continue to operate as a public court the below guidelines are required to follow;

- **Tension must be reduced on the nets** that remain up during this time period to allow for necessary slack in the event of spring ground thaw or weight from snow or ice. Failure to do so could result in damage to posts and court surfaces.
- Nets will be provided by the local community tennis club. Damaged nets will not be replaced by the City.
- Any tension handles/cranks that can be removed, should be removed and securely stored.
- Courts must be available to the public. This may mean leaving locks off of gates or entrances, or posting the access code where a digital or combination lock is used.
- Clubhouses must remain closed, access to washroom facilities may be limited due to winterization of buildings. Users should plan accordingly.
- As Provincial Orders and guidelines from Public Health are subject to change, it is the responsibility of users to ensure they are following all current guidelines.
- Existing rules signs would also still be in effect, but also subject to change based on new Provincial Orders or instruction from Public Health.

- As no permit will be issued, the courts are to operate as public courts. This means no club or commercial activities such as lessons, tournaments, etc.
- Please share the courts respectfully by obeying the 30 minute time limit rule that exists at public courts.

More information on the City's COVID-19 response and affected City services is available at toronto.ca/covid19.

For more information, please contact Tammy Santos at 416 338-3299

Sincerely,

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