



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT MUNICIPAL TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL COURTS

Operating and Safety Guidelines for Reopening Tennis and Pickleball Facilities

Please follow all CDC guidelines for our area.

Adhering to these guidelines is important and the failure to support them violates our facility operating policy. Numerous factors have been considered, but please remember the safety of players and City employees is a priority.

All players and staff must remain vigilant to adhering to the orders on social distancing and those for public gatherings. DO NOT come to the tennis/pickleball facility if any of the following apply:

- You exhibit or experience symptoms of COVID-19.
- You received a positive test result for COVID-19.
- You had contact with someone who has received a positive COVID-19 test result.
- You had contact with someone believed to be infected with COVID-19.
- You traveled to a high-risk area in the past 14 days.

Guidelines to return to Facility for those confirmed with COVID-19:

- Tested positive, then tested negative, no fever for 72 hours and a minimum 2 weeks since symptoms started.
- Tested positive and the greater of 72 hours from last fever – or – 2 weeks after symptoms started – or – 2 weeks from date of positive test.

Hygiene Protocol for Players:

- Players shall bring and use their own hand sanitizer before and after each play session.
- Players shall clean and wipe down own equipment, including racquets and water bottles.
- Each player shall have their own tennis/pickleball balls clearly marked with their own initials and ensure that they are the only person to touch a tennis/pickleball ball with their hands.
- Do not share racquets.
- Avoid touching your face.

Safety Considerations:

- Lobby will remain closed and locked.
- All benches, chairs and tables will be stacked, roped off or removed from the area to prevent congregating and touching.
- All court gates will remain **open** and latches secured for safety.



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Operating and Safety Guidelines (Continued)

- No ball machines, baskets or facility tennis/pickleball balls permitted.
- Rain or Inclement Weather: courts will be closed for any weather event to prevent congregating at the courtside or facility.
- City employees will wear masks and gloves when checking in players. Staff should wash hands and/or gloves often.

Social Play Considerations:

- Designated courts will be available for reservation from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday – Sunday. Players will be required to leave the facility by 6:00 p.m.
- Alternating courts will be reserved for play if no fencing between the courts exists.
- Activity should always be in line with the Government’s advised social distancing measures (6 feet social distancing), including when arriving to and departing from a court.
- No more than 4 players permitted on court.
- Advance reservations required.
- Do not arrive at the facility unless you have an approved reservation.
- Do not arrive at the facility more than 10 minutes prior to your reservation time.

Singles Play Considerations:

- Use guidelines above regarding the 6 ft social distancing rule.
- Each player shall furnish tennis/pickleball balls and use their own balls while serving or starting a practice rally with the goal of each player only touching the tennis/pickleball balls he or she brought.
- Players changing ends should do so from opposite sides of court.
- Ensure no physical contact during games – don’t shake hands or high five.
- No extra-curricular or social activity should take place. No congregation.
- If a ball from another court enters your court, send it back with a kick or with your racquet.

Lesson Considerations:

- Private lessons considered.
- Youth 17 and under must have a parent present at facility during lesson.
- Instructors are assigned specific courts, days and times.
- All balls, ball hoppers and teaching carts are to be sanitized by the instructor before and after each lesson.
- **Only** the instructor shall touch the balls, ball hoppers and teaching carts.
- Only the instructor shall pick up the balls. Student(s) may roll the balls with their racquet to the corner of the court.
- No congregating.
- No group clinics, leagues or tournaments permitted.