



ADVISORY ON COVID-19

March 18, 2020

ONTARIO TENNIS ASSOCIATION (OTA) UPDATE

The safety and welfare of players, their entourage, spectators and our tournament event staff is the OTA's top priority. The Ontario Tennis Association is closely monitoring the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation and remains in daily contact with the Public Health Agency of Ontario and the different tennis organizations within which we operate on this matter.

Some of our host clubs have ceased operations effective Friday; whereas, others have remained open and as a result, our competitive members have been left wondering about the status of tournament matches today and beyond. While trying to maintain a good degree of consistency in our approach to sanctioned tournaments and provincial regrouping sites, it has proven to be increasingly difficult as we are dealing with several member clubs with varying policies.

OTA Member Clubs

Please follow the guidelines imposed on March 17th, 2020 by the Ontario provincial government:

https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/03/ontario-enacts-declaration-of-emergency-to-protect-the-public.html?utm_source=ondemand&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=p

OTA Competitive Structure

Effective immediately (Saturday March 14th 2020; 12:30pm), the OTA will cancel all tournaments currently in progress and suspend all scheduled tournaments until further notice.

Ontario Training Program (OTP) Regroupings

All OTP U10 – U18 Regroupings have been cancelled until further notice.

OTA Office

Please be advised that the OTA office is officially CLOSED until further notice. Staff can still be reached via email. The staff directory can be accessed on the OTA website under About > Who We Are > Staff Bios: www.tennisontario.com/about/who-we-are/staff-bios

We strongly recommend that everyone take the following precautions for public health practices in order to protect yourself and others from the spread of germs, including*:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands;
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick;
- Avoid sharing personal household items (dishes, drinking glasses, eating utensils, towels, etc.) and wash these items thoroughly with soap and water after use;
- Clean and disinfect "high-touch" surfaces every day (includes counters, tabletops, doorknobs/handles, bathroom fixtures, light switches, toilets, phones, keyboards, tablets, bedside tables, etc.)
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then immediately throw the tissue in the garbage;

- If you don't have a tissue, sneeze or cough into your arm or sleeve;
- Wear a facemask if you are sick or if you are caring for others who are sick;
- Stay home if you are demonstrating any flu-like symptoms to avoid spreading an illness to others;

Symptoms can include*:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

If you develop emergency warning signs for COVID-19 get medical attention immediately. (Please note you should call ahead before visiting a healthcare provider). Emergency warning signs include*:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion or inability to arouse
- Bluish lips or face

*This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider (call ahead first) for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning. Individuals with a weakened immune system, underlying health conditions or aged 60 and over should take these precautions very seriously.

We will continue to closely monitor the situation daily and communicate any changes to all stakeholders.

Thank you for your continued support of the OTA and for respecting public health and safety practices.



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