



Updates to Return to Play Facility Protocol “Modified” Stage 2

Effective October 10, 2020, modified Stage 2 restrictions are being implemented in Toronto, Ottawa and Peel and will be in effect for a minimum of 28 days [\[Link\]](#). York region has also moved to a “modified” Stage 2 as of October 19 [\[Link\]](#).

In response to this, the OTA is recommending the following new updates for safe protocol. These recommendations build on the great work the Province and municipalities have done to keep people safe while respecting public health guidelines and getting citizens back to some sense of normality in their daily lives.

Please keep in mind that this is only a guideline for clubs and academies and their players. Ultimately, decisions pertaining to any recommendations are the responsibility of local health departments. This document will be updated whenever new information is available.

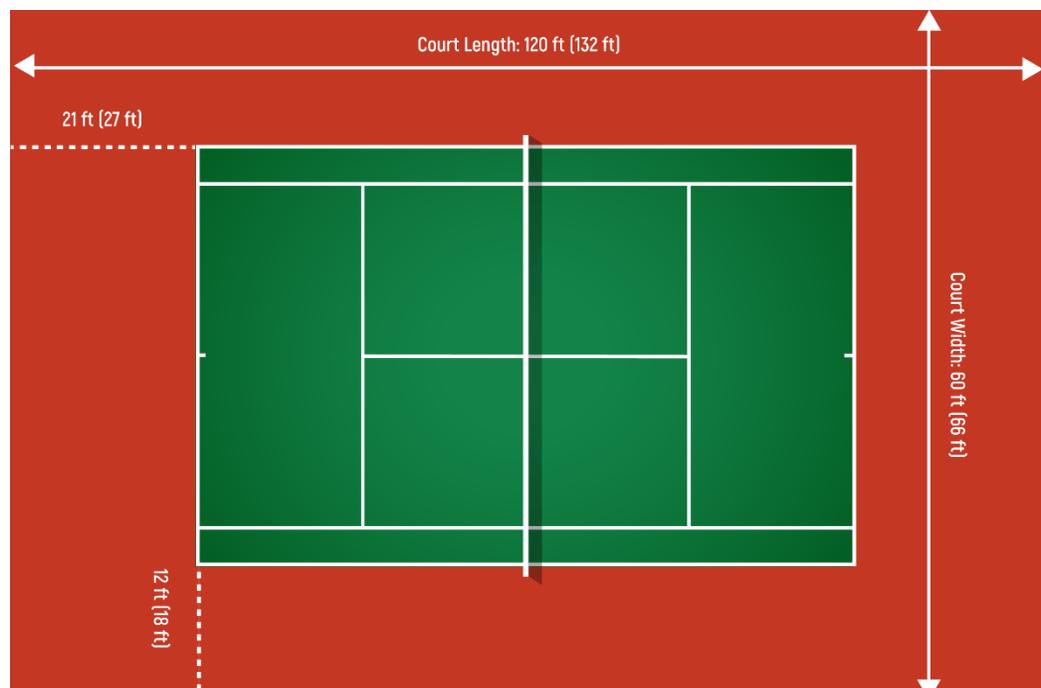
(NEW) Recommended Updates Playing Indoors During “Modified” Stage 2

1. The OTA is recommending that each full-size indoor tennis court be considered a separate indoor space, to a maximum of 6 participants and 1 coach per court ^[1]. The reasoning for this is founded on the size of a regulation tennis court. The minimum surface area of the entire playing surface is 7,200 square feet (120 ft. x 60 ft)^[2]. The surface area of the court alone is 2,808 square feet (78 ft. x 36 ft.)^[3]. This provides the players and instructor with a generous amount of space (minimum 400 square feet per person)^[4] ensuring that physical distancing of two metres (approx. 6 feet) is always in place.
2. The OTA recommends that each indoor court be separated, when possible, by a divider net, fabric, temporary wall, or other surface in order to enclose each court and provide a clear marking of the court boundaries.

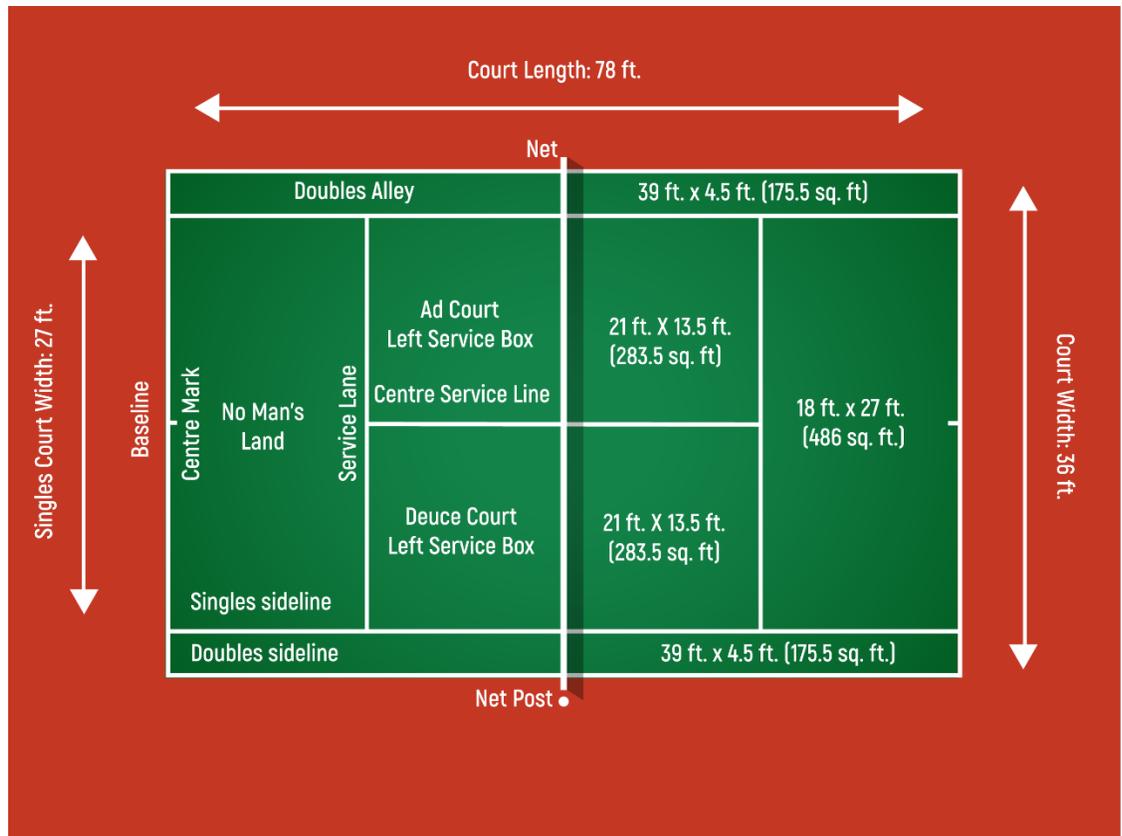
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[1] This ratio is in line with indoor group activity restrictions being enforced by the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA). As of Oct 2, 2020, the LTA has implemented a maximum of six people (excluding coaches) per full-size tennis court. ([Source](#) ref. page 6)

[2] [Source](#)



[3] [Source](#)



[4] For further context, the United States Fire Administration recommends a minimum of 113 square feet per person in order to abide by the 6-foot separation criteria. ([Source](#))

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