



**ROCKCLIFFE LAWN TENNIS CLUB**  
**Club Opening Directives Under COVID-19 Restrictions**

**Club Opening: Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am**

**BEFORE YOU PLAY**

Provincial Guidelines mandate that you must stay at home if:

- You have been infected with COVID-19, been in contact with someone with COVID-19, or have travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days;
- You have symptoms of COVID -19 including a new cough or chronic cough that gets worse, fever, or difficulty breathing;
- You or a person residing with you are in a high-risk health category, including:
  - Underlying medical conditions (e.g. heart disease, hypertension, diabetes, chronic respiratory diseases, cancer);
  - Compromised immune system from a medical condition or treatment.

**MEMBERSHIP PURCHASE**

- Membership purchase may **only** be made via our website: [www.rltennis.ca](http://www.rltennis.ca)
- RLTC will be moving to an integrated electronic system for all membership registrations, purchases (including lessons), and products. We expect the system to be operational by Friday May 22. We will provide further instructions once we are ready to migrate to the new system

**RESERVATIONS**

- At the time of opening, only singles play will be allowed. Status of doubles play will be evaluated on a weekly basis, based on Provincial requirements and membership compliance with existing guidelines
- At time of opening, only the four hard courts will be available for use. The club has not been permitted enough maintenance time to prepare the clay courts for a quick opening, but the club will work as quickly as possible to prepare all courts for our membership
- Advanced reservations may be made for the following three days. Reservations open at 8:30 am and close at 8:00 pm. For example, on Saturday at 8:30 am, court reservations include Saturday, Sunday and Monday till sunset.
- Reservations may be made only **by phone** to the RLTC club attendant and must specify both players' names. Voice messages and emails will **not** be accepted for court bookings at this time
- **CALL (613) 749-5494**
- Reservations will be for 55 minutes on the hour. (ex. 8:00am - 8:55am) There will be a **mandatory 5-minute** window in which to wipe down surfaces that have been touched and allow players to leave the courts

- Practice backboard court will be available for booking for 30-minute time slots, on the half-hour
- Members are permitted to book a maximum of two time slots in any given three-day period given the limited number of courts currently available for play
- Please respect your reservation time, especially in this time of fewer courts and greater demand. People who “no-show” will have reduced booking privileges
- For reservations prior to Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup>, reservations may be made starting Monday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm

#### PREPARATION BEFORE ARRIVAL

- Call for a reservation in advance of showing up. Walk-ins are not permitted
- Arrive in tennis attire, with **your own water bottle, personal hand sanitizer and wipes**, and **personal set of marked tennis balls**. There will be no water refills at this time

#### CIRCULATION ON CLUB PROPERTY

- Only the front gate will be accessible for entry. No access from side gates
- The front gate will remain unlocked and open during club hours and should not be closed
- No access to courts is permitted before 8:00 am without a staff member present
- No access to the club house will be permitted except for emergencies or by permission of the club attendant
- Arrive for your game time no more than 10 minutes early
- Avoid socializing and respect a two-meter (6.5 feet) physical distance to other members
- Leave immediately after your game time
- Do not use the kids play structure
- Only use walking paths around the club house. No passage through the club house
- If permitted access to the club house by the attendant-on-duty, you must wash hands with soap and water upon entering & leaving. Premises will be sanitized several times a day

#### TENNIS PLAY PROCEDURES

- Leave court gates open during opening hours so players do not need to touch handles to enter
- Do not enter the courts while previous players are still there. Allow them to exit first before entering
- Each player should bring their own balls (one can per player) and mark them in advance
- Make use of the racquet or foot to return balls to other participants. Avoid touching the balls with your hands
- On your turn to serve, only use your own marked tennis balls. The returner picks the balls with his racket to return them to the server
- Change sides only if sun glare is a problem and respect the two-meter distance while changing ends
- After each session, wipe down any surfaces you touched during play