

Covid-19 Safety Protocols

As a fitness facility and coaching program, Play Squash Academy is uniquely positioned and able to easily adapt to the demands necessary to continue to provide our valuable service during the challenging times Covid-19 has presented business owners. Contactless payment, court and lesson reservations allow us to monitor total occupancy numbers while offering the clients one less interaction. Programming is easily adjusted to eliminate large numbers of people in the squash area by balancing closely monitored group activities with private and semi-private lessons.

We understand that in order to remain operational, we first must be allowed to operate by our state and local officials. By approaching the circumstances in a multi-tiered manner, we are confident that our health and safety plans meet or exceed current standards.

Using the guidelines set forth by the CDC, OSHA, and Virginia Governor Ralph Northam, extensive steps have been taken to assure our members that all clubs which host our programming are the cleanest and safest in the DMV, including:

- Enforcing social distancing protocols property wide
- Cleaning protocols require that each space and equipment is cleaned and sanitized before and after each use
- Comprehensive training for all employees to ensure proper compliance of CDC guidelines
- Taking temperatures of employees daily
- Mandated use of personal protective equipment (PPE) for employees including face shields

In addition to the steps being taken throughout each location, we have designed specific protocols for our Squash Court Areas, Employees and Players.

Facility Procedures:

- We will be increasing court intervals to allow players to finish and leave the area before the next set of players arrive and to allow for a 15-minute court cleaning interval after each court booking
- Common congregating hazards such as furniture and water coolers will be removed temporarily
- Hand Sanitizer will be available at each court
- Demo equipment or used squash balls will not be available

Department Manager and Employee Responsibilities:

- There will be up to 6 people in the Squash Court area. This will include coaches
- Back glass, side walls, doorknobs, flat surfaces, permanent fixtures will be cleaned during 15 minute interval after each court booking
- Individual practice, and 2 person matches will take place - Group classes and Round Robins temporarily suspended
- Practice with a ball machine is allowed. However, in this case a designated member of staff who wears gloves and a facemask will pick up the balls and replenish the machine. Players will not touch the balls - pro will set up and clean up balls
- Staff members only will access the items in the pro shop area

Membership Cooperation:

- Members and players only will be allowed on to the courts. No extra guests or other family members will be admitted

- Players should not linger outside the court before or after a match or practice session
- Players should sanitize their hands on entry to the squash area and after they play
- Wear masks and gloves whenever you are not actively engaged in play
- Please utilize contactless online court booking system
- An area for players bags will be designated and all players should keep all their items in their bags
- Players should come prepared to maintain their own equipment, including balls, workout wear (extra shirts/shorts if necessary), racquets, glasses and water bottles

In all cases, we will continue to rely on the guidance of our health and licensing professionals and our state and local officials. We understand that those guidelines are fluid and have the potential to be updated for the foreseeable future. Our sport and our adaptable approach are ready to face the challenge and continue to keep our clients safe while playing the sport they love.