



*Dallas Tennis Association presents*

## **2020 GRAND SLAM SUMMER Series**

### **Match Protocol and Safety Guidelines updated 6/24/2020**

**WAIVER OF CLAIMS.** Players, participants, and any spectators or individuals that are participating in USTA tournaments, programs, or events acknowledge the risks associated with tennis, accept those risks voluntarily, and in consideration of their acceptance in the USTA tournaments, programs or events, assume all loss or damage, and any claim or demand therefore on account of injury to the person or property or resulting in illness and/or death arising out of or related to their participation, including without limitation as a result of any exposure to infectious syndromes or diseases whether caused by negligence or otherwise. By participating or attending a tournament, program, or event, the players, participants, and any spectators assume all risks whether known or unknown. Furthermore, players, participants, and spectators agree to release and hold harmless the USTA, its affiliated Sectional Associations, and Districts/Subdivisions, and the host facility (hereafter, Released Parties) and the Released Parties employees and agents with respect to any injury or loss caused by negligence or otherwise to the fullest extent permitted by law.

#### **Link to covid-19 Guidelines:**

[USTA](#)  
[City of Dallas](#)

Safety guidelines to be followed to due to covid-19:

#### **1. SOCIAL DISTANCING:**

Maintain safe social distance between players during the racquet spin at the start of a match. Maintain physical distancing when changing ends of court. Try to stay at least 6 feet apart from other players during the match.

Offer an acknowledgment such as a nod, a thumbs up or a “good match” instead of shaking players’ hands. Do not make physical contact with other players.

#### **2. FACE MASKS:**

Players are required to bring and wear face masks in facilities’ Pro Shops. Players should all respect and follow safety guidelines as set at each individual facility.

**3. GREIVANCES.** If a player refuses to comply with safety protocol, a grievance may be filed, and disciplinary action taken.

#### **4. MATCH ATTENDANCE:**

**ONLY the 5 individuals playing each match should be on site.** Once individual matches are completed, players are asked to leave immediately. **NO LINGERING.**

**NO SPECTATORS!** Facilities have maximum occupancy requirements as outlined by the city. We **MUST** follow. Captains are included as a spectator.

**5. MATCH TIME/CHECK IN:**

Players for each match should arrive **NO EARLIER THAN 10 minutes** prior to **MATCH TIME**. Once on site, players should follow current social distancing polices.

**6. COURT ASSIGNMENTS:**

Courts for every match will be **PRE-ASSIGNED**. Captains will be responsible for notifying players of court assignment prior to match time. Players will report directly to pre-assigned court. If earlier match is running long, players **WILL WAIT**. Courts **WILL NOT** be re-assigned. Court assignments are posted at each facility.

**7. NO COACHING!!!!**

**8. SCOREKEEPER AND SCORE CARDS:**

For the **SUMMER SLAM Series**, we **WILL NOT** have a scorecard exchange.

Clearly verbalize score at the start of each point. We will use technology to report scores. Facilities have been advised to remove score tender from courts.

Players will be responsible for reporting (1) opponents' names and (2) match results directly to their captains via text/email. The Captain of the Winning Team will then enter scores in **TENNIS LINK** within **2 hours** of the completion of final line of match.

Team Standings will be checked throughout the day by the DTA.

**9. SCORECARD EDITS:**

Any edits need to be forwarded to the DTA via email at [leagues@dta.org](mailto:leagues@dta.org).

**Please include the following information in email:**

- (1) Match Number/Team Names/NTRP**
- (2) Details of Requested Edit**
- (3) Copy opposing captain. They MUST agree.**

**10. PERSONAL EQUIPMENT/BEVERAGES:**

Players are responsible for their own water/sports beverages. Facilities **WILL NOT** have water on court. Water bottles, towels or any other personal equipment should be stored inside their tennis bag when not in use.

Bring their own chairs and avoid sharing a bench with a teammate and/or opponent.

Use headbands, hats, towels, or wristbands to avoid touching their faces during play.

**11. BALLS:**

DTA will provide one (1) can of new balls per match. Should a concern exist, players may bring their own can of new balls for their personal use. **PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH AN OPPONENT'S PERSONAL BALLS.**

Balls for match play will be left on PRE-ASSIGNED court. After match completion, please drop used balls in marked drop boxes.

12. WASH HANDS/HAND SANITIZER:

Wash hands often (before/after matches.)

The DTA will have Hand Sanitizer at each site for your players who might need.

13. Each site will have a DTA Summer Slam Series volunteer. There will be no USTA officials.

14. PER PLAY:

Check with the assigned host facility prior to play for any protocols that may apply at that facility