

Mariemont Courts are Open!

Dear current & prospective members and guests of the Mariemont Tennis Association,

We are glad to announce the Phase 1 re-opening of the Mariemont Tennis Courts. As we re-open the facility for tennis & pickleball, the emphasis will be placed on the safety of the Membership here at the Club. **To minimize the spread of germs in common areas, the restrooms will not be available at this time.**

The Village of Mariemont made this decision with input from the Mariemont Tennis Association and the Hamilton County Board of Health. The reasons we decided to move forward are two-fold. First, our guidelines were modeled after recommended safety protocols such as social distancing from the United States Tennis Association. Second, many tennis clubs and public courts are open now or plan to open, including Cincinnati Tennis Club, Hyde Park Tennis Club, Harper's Point outdoor courts, and Lindner Tennis Center at Lunken, with special rules like ours.

We understand that there continues to be a heightened health risk for anyone leaving home for any reason. We encourage each member to personally consider if tennis, even with the special safety precautions the club has taken, is a health risk you are comfortable taking.

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DO NOT COME TO THE COURTS IF YOU...

...are sick or have any symptoms of respiratory illness. These symptoms include, but are not limited to, cough, fever, sore throat, runny nose, shortness of breath, and/or flu-like symptoms.

...in the last 14 days, have been in close contact with someone diagnosed with Covid 19.

...are a vulnerable individual, such as an elderly individual and/or an individual with serious underlying health conditions, including high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma and those whose immune system is compromised such as by chemotherapy for cancer and other conditions requiring such therapy.

Mariemont Tennis Association Court Re-Opening Phase I Guidelines

- We recommend players follow the USTA's published guidance on *Playing Tennis Safely*, found at USTA.com.
- Signs will be posted reminding players to maintain six-foot social distancing.
- Arrange to play only with family members, others who live in your household, or with individuals who are considered to be low risk.
- No league or tournament play is allowed per the current Stay Safe Ohio order.
- Players under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at all times.
- Maximum capacity for entire facility is 35 people, 7 courts with 4 players plus a pro or an assistant per court. Non-participating parents/guardians must remain outside fenced areas of the facility.
- Players must provide their own full water bottle. With the restrooms unavailable there will be no access to water.
- Bring your own hand sanitizer and/or disinfectant wipes. These will be provided only for employees, not for players at the courts.
- Gates will be propped open when pros are at the courts to minimize contact at entry points.
- Stay at least six feet apart from other players. Do not make physical contact with them (no shaking hands, high fives or chest bumps)!
- Do not enter the courts until the players before you have left.
- It's possible, though unlikely, that a tennis ball can transmit the COVID-19 virus, as virtually any hard surface can transmit the disease. To minimize this risk, it is suggested that each player uses different numbered or distinctively marked balls, and only picks up his/her own balls. Use the racket or feet to return balls to other players.
- Do not share food, drinks, or towels.
- Players should remain on their side of the court and avoid changing ends.
- During this phase, if players are waiting for a court, court time is limited to 1.5 hours. Please leave the court as soon as reasonably possible.
- Make every attempt to use only one court within each fenced area of the club.
- No congregation or social activity should take place.
- All common areas including benches, picnic table, & railings should be avoided.

Teaching Guidelines – in addition to the above

- As always, lessons can only be taught by Dave Russell & Tracy Glassmeyer or their staff. **No outside pros.**
- Verify that you/your child are not ill before coming to your lesson. Do not come/send your child if ill. Notify the coach immediately so the spot can be filled.
- Lessons & clinics will be limited to 4 persons per court (2 per side) and one pro.
- All lessons need to be scheduled with a pro to maintain safe limits and allow them to schedule effectively. **No drop-ins. Payment will be expected from no-shows.**
- Pros will wash hands or use hand sanitizer before each lesson.
- To minimize handling of balls, live ball drills and game-based play is recommended and will be favored over basket drills, and only the pro or assistants can feed balls. Serving can be practiced provided gloves are worn and proper glove handling and hand hygiene protocols are followed.
- Use of on-court coaching equipment will be limited, and it will be disinfected after each use.
- Ball hopper handles will be sanitized before and after each lesson. Students are requested to bring a towel to wrap around the hopper handle when picking up balls.
- All players should use their racquet/foot to push balls off the court or back to their opponent/coach to avoid using their hands.
- Observe arrival & departure times communicated by the pros to avoid congestion at the gates.
- Players should arrive no earlier than ten minutes before their lesson and stay clear of other members.
- Pros may have additional guidelines for their courts, which they will share with their students.