



## COVID 19 Protocols & Procedures – Boys Tennis

The MHSAA/NFHS Guidance for Re-Opening School Sports lists Tennis as a low risk sport. *Low risk sports can be done with physical distancing or individually with no sharing of equipment or the ability to clean the equipment between use by competitors.*

### Competition and Spectator Limitations

- 2020 Fall regular season tournament competition limit – no more than 4 teams at a site.
- No scrimmages allowed.
- Spectators will be limited. The number of spectators and individuals allowed for indoor and outdoor events will be based on future guidance from the governor's office, and will be posted prior to the first dates of competition.

### Practice

- All athletic equipment should be cleaned intermittently during practices and contests.
- Hand sanitizer should be plentiful at all contests and practices.

### Competition

- No handshakes/high-fives/fist bumps between competitors, doubles partners, athletes and coaches, coaches or coaches and tournament management.
- No pre-match instructions.
- No team huddles.
- No competitor chairs allowed on court (unless they can be properly disinfected after each use).
- Players bags/gear and or chairs (on court) must be 3' from the net post (6' total).
- Whoever's bag is on the side of the score (and closest for doubles) is the only one to update the score.
- Players need to use hand sanitizer before entering and when exiting the court.
- Coaches are encouraged to wear face coverings when communicating with competitors during breaks in the match as well as off court.
- When switching sides, players will go directly to their bag and should not cross paths with their opponent.
- If passing a player from another court while switching sides, both players must maintain physical distancing guidelines.
- At the conclusion of the match, this scoring device must be sanitized before the next match may utilize it.
- When returning balls to an adjacent court, player should use their racquet only (do not touch the ball with their hands...)
- Ball Assignments: Be sure correct ball #'s are assigned to the correct court #'s.
- If you use two cans of balls or 4 balls per court, you want them to be the same number so that it meets the requirements of ball assignment. One set of balls (two or three) should have an "X" on them. So one player on Court 1 will have #1s and the other will have #1Xs. Court 2 will have #2s and #2Xs.

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- Proceed with play, making sure to pick up your set of numbered balls only. Should a ball with the other number wind up on your side of the court, do not touch the ball with your hands. Use your racquet head or feet to advance the ball to the other side of the court.
- Each team is responsible for its own hand sanitizer and its own med kit.

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