



## Tennis Skills Return to Play Plan 2021

### Arrival

- Upon arrival, all participants may enter the tennis courts to prepare for practice. If there is another party/program unrelated to Special Olympics using the courts, we ask participants remain at their cars until the party has cleared. Coaches may approach the party to confirm courts usage so that practice may start on time.
- Upon arrival, please report to the **SORI COVID-19 Screening Area** at the entrance of the Tennis Court.
- Masks must be worn in the parking lot and while walking to and from the bathroom. However, once on the tennis court you may take them off as long as you are maintaining 6 feet of distance from other people.
- Signs will be posted throughout the facility reminding all participants about the symptoms of COVID-19, guidelines to stop its spread and social distancing requirements.
- Athlete safety is our first priority. We are closely following all guidelines provided by SOI, which take precedent over current guidelines followed by RIDOH.

### During Play

- Maintain 6 feet social distance when at all possible.
- All Athletes/Partners must wear their masks when they are less than 6 feet from someone **regardless of vaccination status**. When being asked to do a physical task such as playing Unified Doubles you are allowed to bring the masks down to your neck.
- For Skills Level, each athlete will have a marked area on the court to help maintain social distancing.
- All athletes playing Unified Doubles will abide by the SOI tennis rules. There will be no changeover during matches. Please stay socially distant from your opponents when at all possible.
- Each player must provide their own tennis racquet each week.
- Disinfect tennis racquets prior to and after each practice.
- You must provide your own water bottles and towels. Do not share these items.
- No high 5's, hugging, or touching of any kind during play.

### Important Information to Follow

- Wash your hands frequently for 20 seconds. Suggested times are before, in between and after play.
- Coaches will be provided a COVID-19 kit that will include hand sanitizer, masks, gloves, thermometer, disinfectant spray and/or wipes, Code of Conduct/Risk Assessment and Screening & Tracking Forms.
- Keep in mind that there is a public port-a-john available, so please clean your hands before and after use.
- Wear masks while in parking lot, bathrooms, and on the tennis court (when appropriate).
- Arrive at your designated time and leave as soon as you are finished.
- If you are not feeling well, please take the week off from Tennis.
- Spectators and/or family are allowed to watch but must provide their own chair and **remain outside the courts at all times**. Please space yourselves out along the fence so that there is enough social distancing going on.

**Please be safe and smart as we ease back into sports.**