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COVID-19 Safety Precautions Pickle Ball Programs 2021 Youth Age 6+ & Adults Green River Court

Social Distancing

- Social distancing will be attempted at all times both on and off the courts by players, instructors, and spectators.
- Benches may be used as long as six feet social distancing is maintained.
- Sportsmanship will be touchless, that means no handshakes/slaps/fist bumps.
- Arrive, play, and leave. No congregating in the parking lot, courts, or other areas of the park before, during, or following lessons and matches.

Face Coverings

- Players, instructors, and spectators must wear facial coverings at all times including during active play and on the bench or sidelines.
- Players should take frequent facial covering breaks when they are not actively playing and are out of proximity to others.

Spectator Guidelines

- Spectators are limited to 2 adults and siblings of a participating youth player.
- No spectators allowed for adult programs.

Communication Plan

- Signage will be posted around the courts regarding social distancing, COVID-19 signs and symptoms, and other signage as needed.
- Instructors and players will be notified of any changes via email.
- Instructors will communicate to the Recreation Department if a player on their roster has tested positive for COVID-19 or if there is a surge of symptomatic individuals.

Attendance and Screening

- Instructors must keep accurate attendance records of players present for each lesson.
- Instructors must conduct health related COVID-19 screenings of each player before each game.

Hygiene Protocols

- No handshaking or personal contact celebrations.
- No sharing of drinks or snacks.
- No sunflower seeds, gum, or spitting allowed.
- Players must regularly wash or sanitize their hands:
 - Upon entry and exit from the court.
 - Before and after handling/eating snacks or drinks.
 - After sneezing, coughing or nose blowing.
 - After using any shared equipment.

Sanitation Protocols

- Facility
 - All belongings must be removed and all trash disposed of at the end of each session; nothing can be left behind at the field.
- Equipment
 - All players are encouraged to bring their own tennis racquet. Any shared equipment will be disinfected after use.
 - Use your racquet/foot to pick up balls and hit them to your opponent. Avoid using your hands to pick up the balls.
 - If a ball from another court comes to you, send it back with a kick or with your racquet.

Cooperation with Health Officials

- The Recreation Department, instructors, and families are required to cooperate with state health officials and local boards of health and their authorized agents.
- A copy of this plan will be maintained on site.
- Program rosters with players contact information will be made available to Health Officials by the Recreation Department upon request.

Health Screenings

- Instructors will be required to conduct screenings consisting of the following COVID-19 related questions. If a family answers yes to any of the questions, they must be sent home and will be unable to play for that session:
 1. Today or in the past 24 hours, have you or any household members had any of the following symptoms:
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Sore throat
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Gastrointestinal symptoms (diarrhea, nausea, vomiting)

- Fatigue (*Fatigue alone should not exclude from participation*)
 - Headache
 - New loss of smell/taste
 - New muscle or body aches
2. In the past 14 days, have you had close contact with a person known to be infected with COVID-19?

Symptomatic Persons

- If anyone at the court becomes symptomatic, they must leave immediately.

Positive Test of COVID-19

- If a player tests positive for COVID-19, the following plan will be executed:
 1. If COVID-19 is suspected for any player, the player must notify the Recreation Office immediately letting the Recreation Director know of a positive test, suspected diagnosis or positive household contact.
 2. The Recreation Director will notify the Health Department immediately. A course of action will be discussed on how to proceed forward.
 3. Contact tracing will begin and the Recreation Director, with the help of instructors, will find out the following information:
 - When symptoms began (either from DPH or family)
 - Determine if the player attended sessions while symptomatic or during the two days before symptoms began.
 - The Recreation Director will identify who had close contact with the player who had tested positive for COVID-19 at the courts.
 4. The Recreation Department or Health Department will begin contacting players in attendance at the courts:
 - **Direct exposure:** Players will be contacted who have had direct contact with the player who has tested positive. Exposed individuals must be directed to stay home for at least 14 days after the last day of contact with the player who is sick. If a player subsequently tests positive they will be directed to stay home for a minimum of 10 days from the 1st day of symptoms appearing and be fever free for 72 hours without fever reducing medications and experience significant improvements in symptoms. Confidentiality will be maintained.
 - **No exposure:** The rest of the families registered on the team roster will be notified of the positive test, but will be instructed to consult their family physician.
- ***If a player is asymptomatic and tests positive, isolation may be discontinued when at least 14 days have passed from the positive test if the player is not showing any symptoms.***