

## **Updates to CTA League Play and Liability Waiver**

**During the current COVID-19 pandemic and until further notice from the CTA Board, this form describes new CTA check-in protocols and guidelines for league play:**

### **○ Arrival / Check-In:**

- All players will be required to wear masks and social distance during the check-in period before the start of league play.
- All players should arrive and check in at least 15 minutes before the start of league play to ensure a smooth and timely start of play. If a player knows they won't be arriving until closer to the start of play or a little late, they should notify the coordinator as soon as possible.
- The coordinator will have court assignments ready to go at the outset and will only change them if there is a no-show.
- The coordinator will give each player their court assignment and will provide one can of balls per court.
- If a player prefers to play with their own set of balls, then they can purchase a new can of balls on their own (either ahead of time or at the pro shop) for them to use.
- Players are encouraged to wash their hands or wipe down their hands and equipment with hand sanitizer or disinfecting wipes before the start of play.

### **○ During Play:**

- Players will practice social distancing between points and during changeovers.
- Players will not be required to wear masks while actively playing or during changeovers (unless the facility requires otherwise).
- Players will avoid direct contact with other players' water bottles, racquets, and other equipment, as well as tennis balls from other courts.
- Throughout play, players are discouraged from using their hands to pick up the tennis balls and instead are encouraged to use their racquet/foot to pick up the balls and hit them back to their opponent or when returning balls to a neighboring court.
- Players are encouraged to use hand sanitizer or wash their hands as necessary during play, especially if they come into contact with another player or touch a high-use surface such as a gate or fence.

### **○ Departure:**

- After league play is over, players will wear masks to leave the courts.
- Players should leave the facility promptly instead of congregating afterwards.
- Players should practice social distancing as they are leaving the facility.
- All scores will be reported to the coordinator afterwards electronically via text or email only.

**Now that you have reviewed the updated CTA League Play Guidelines in the previous section, the following state the general requirements that all players must read, understand, and agree to in order to participate in CTA league play. Please indicate your acceptance by checking the box after each one:**

I understand and agree to the following as a condition of being allowed to play in CTA leagues during the current COVID-19 pandemic:

- Timeliness:** I understand that now more than ever it is important for me to arrive on time for league play in order to avoid unnecessary close interactions and ensure the safety of the coordinator and the other players.
- 15 Minutes Early:** I understand and agree to arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of league play, and if I know I won't be arriving until closer to the start of play or a little late, I will notify the coordinator as soon as possible.
- State, Local, CTA Guidelines:** I agree to educate myself on state and local COVID-19 guidelines and recommendations, and to abide by the updated CTA League Play Guidelines.
- USTA Tips:** I understand that I am encouraged to review (but not required to follow) the additional tips and recommendations found here <https://www.usta.com/en/home/stay-current/national/usta-statement-on-safety-of-playing-tennis-during-the-covid-19-v.html>.
- Tennis Facility Guidelines:** I agree to abide by any and all guidelines that the facility I am playing at is enforcing at the time, and any additional instructions that the league coordinator may provide at the time of league play.
- Learn About Symptoms:** I agree to educate myself regarding the symptoms associated with COVID-19, which can be found at this website <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>.
- If I Have Symptoms or Exposure:** I agree that if in the days leading up to my league match or the day-of I am experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19, including but not limited to a body temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or sore throat, or if in the days leading up to my league match I believe I have been in an exposure situation locally or from a recent trip to another state or country, I will not play and will instead find a sub or swap or someone to purchase my spot.
- If I Test Positive:** I agree to abide by any instructions I may receive from local health authorities if I am active in CTA league play and test positive, for whatever reason, for COVID-19, and that such instructions may include contact tracing in the form of notifying other players, CTA, and/or the tennis facility I recently played at regarding other player's possible contact with me and exposure to COVID-19.
- Periodic Updates By CTA:** I agree to abide by any changes that are made to these requirements as they are communicated to me by CTA in response to any changes due to current COVID-19 conditions.
- Consequences of Non-Compliance:** I understand that my failure to abide by these requirements may result in my immediate removal from a match at the discretion of the on-site league coordinator, and/or the suspension of my playing privileges in CTA leagues at the discretion of the CTA League Commissioner or Board of Directors.
- No Guarantees:** I understand that even with all of the steps and precautions CTA is undertaking to try to ensure everyone's safety, CTA cannot guarantee that I will not be exposed to or contract COVID-19 if I choose to participate in CTA league play or any other event sponsored or organized by CTA, and therefore I accept the risk of exposure/contraction by participating.

**In addition to the requirements in the previous section, the following is CTA's updated liability waiver and release agreement. As a condition of being allowed to play in CTA leagues and of CTA membership generally, you are asked to read it in its entirety and indicate whether you accept it at the end:**

**THIS IS A RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate in any way in tennis play or social events sponsored or organized by the Capital Tennis Association (hereinafter referred to as "Event(s)"), THE UNDERSIGNED, for him/herself, his/her personal representatives, heirs, and next of kin:

1. Hereby releases, waives, discharges and covenants not to sue the CAPITAL TENNIS ASSOCIATION (CTA), and all of its directors, officers, agents, volunteers, employees, affiliates, and other representatives (hereinafter referred to as "Releasees") from all liability to THE UNDERSIGNED, his/her personal representatives, assigns, heirs and next of kin, for any and all loss or damage, and any claim or demands therefore on account of injury and/or exposure to infectious syndromes or diseases to the person or property or resulting in illness and/or death of THE UNDERSIGNED, arising out of or related to the Event(s), whether caused by the negligence of one or more of the Releasees or otherwise.
2. Hereby agrees to indemnify and save and hold harmless the Releasees and each of them from any loss, liability, damage, or cost they may incur arising out of or related to the Event(s), whether caused by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise.
3. Hereby acknowledges that the activities of the Event(s) may be dangerous and involve risks, including but not limited to exposure to infectious syndromes and diseases, serious illness, injury, and/or death and/or property damages, and THE UNDERSIGNED assumes full responsibility for any risk whatsoever, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, including by not limited to bodily injury, exposure, death or property damage arising out of or related to the Event(s), whether caused by the negligence of one or more of the Releasees or otherwise.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF ALL RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT, ASSURANCE OR GUARANTEE BEING MADE TO ME, AND INTEND MY SIGNATURE TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW. ELECTRONICALLY TYPING MY NAME BELOW SHALL HAVE THE SAME FORCE AND EFFECT AS MY MANUALLY-SIGNED SIGNATURE.

SIGNED:  
DATE: