



## Members and Guests

We have re-opened. In response to the Corona virus, we are following NJ Health Dept guidelines as well as many of the USTA guidelines. Our goal is to make you feel safe & comfortable as we welcome you back to tennis and to Ridgewood Racquet Club! Tennis does not require any direct person to person contact so players can enjoy the many physical and mental benefits of the sport so long as social distancing is practiced and the safety recommendations provided below are followed. These guidelines as they may seem strict, are essential to our remaining open and operational. Please remember you have not been playing tennis for many weeks. It is recommended you take it easy at first to avoid physical injuries. We ask that you do not play if exhibiting any symptoms of coronavirus, any respiratory illness, or have been in contact with anyone who had COVID19 in the last 14 days.

**Please note until further notice, Ridgewood Racquet Club will not be offering childcare services or be permitted to loan rackets.**

### Entrance/Exit

We are staggering lessons and groups to avoid many people together at the same time. Please try to arrive at your designated time and check in at the front desk. Upon entering the club, we mandate that everyone wears a mask. We have an infrared thermometer at the entrance/front desk to check your temperature. All employees are checked daily. Please always observe social distancing while in the club. Once on the court, feel free to remove your mask during play. Please put masks back on before you exit the court. Exit the building through the exit door next to the staircase. Please do not return upstairs to the lobby as we will be checking in other members.

### Cleanliness

We have taken cleanliness to another level. A disinfectant fogger is used regularly in the common areas of the club. Countertops, railings, bathroom sinks, handles and doorknobs are wiped down several times daily.

We ask that you wash your hands as recommended, wipe down your equipment with a disinfectant prior to playing. There are handsfree Purell dispensers throughout the facility. There are also hand sanitizers on each court.

### **Desk Counter/Payments**

We have installed a Plexiglas window at the front desk. Payments will be taken through the opening at the bottom. You will swipe your own credit card or may leave a credit card on your account, the preferred method. In lieu of CV-19 crisis, we request you pay via credit card or check whenever possible.

### **Physical Distancing in Lobby**

We ask that you maintain that 6-foot distance. No loitering in lobby. We will keep our locker room and shower closed but restroom area will be open. Parents will be provided a folding chair in the lobby (which will be wiped down) if they would like to stay during a lesson. There will be no socializing or congregating, during matches or after playing.

### **On Court Protocol**

Forego the traditional handshake. No scorecards will be on the court. Remember to maintain 6 ft separation and not crowd together when we enter and leave the court.

We recommend each player open a new can of balls to be handled only by them. Please mark each can for easy identification. For other player's balls, pick up the ball with your racquet and/or foot and send back over, so you avoid touching. Same should be used for retrieving a ball from adjacent court.

Stay on your side of the court. Avoid changing ends. Remain apart when taking breaks. Bring your own water bottle or purchase before entering the courts. The water fountain will be shut off.

### **Lessons**

Please pay before you play. Meet your pro on court. Students will not touch tennis balls. Private lessons with serving we ask students to bring 2 cans of balls. Ball carts are disinfected/wiped down after each lesson. If a player is seen touching a ball it will be removed and they will be asked to use hand sanitizer or wash their hands.

The Ridgewood Racquet Club has the most loyal customers and the finest Staff. We are so delighted to be back playing the sport we love, and we thank you so much for your understanding and cooperation and support!