

May 26, 2020

Hello everybody,

I am sure most of you are eager to get back onto the courts. I have obtained the guidelines issued by the City of Toronto governing the opening of the courts. We do not yet have our permit. Until the permit has been issued and processed the courts remain closed. Your executive together with a few club members have prepared the courts. The nets and the front windscreens are up. The windscreens on the back courts will be done soon. The clubhouse will remain closed for the time being. Please note that if you decide to play **YOU ARE PLAYING AT YOUR OWN RISK.**

Court Bookings: Play will not be the same as usual for the next little while. Only singles play is allowed, no doubles. No drop-in tennis. Social distancing rules have to be strictly adhered to, no guests or spectators are allowed. The club is obligated to keep detailed records of who has played on each day and at what time and with whom. This is necessary in case a player gets infected with the virus and Public Health wants to trace all players that played at the same time. Here is the exact wording:

"Record Keeping:

- It is the responsibility of the Community Tennis Club to provide and ensure all the guidelines and requirements for maintaining a safe facility are provided and adhered to.*
- Each Community Tennis Club must maintain a record system to track all players using the facility each day and the time they used it. This is to assist in contact tracing should anyone develop COVID-19. This record needs to include:*
 - o Full name of the person who visited the Community Tennis Club and contact information (phone number and email).*
 - o Date and time person visited the Community Tennis Club (including the time they entered and left the facility).*
- The community tennis club must keep these records and make them available to TPH upon request.*
- Records must be able to be submitted to TPH electronically, if requested"*

(TPH stands for Toronto Public Health)

In order to comply with this requirement we have instituted an electronic booking program on our website where players can book a court on an hourly basis for courts 1 to 5 and for the practice area. To book a court go to www.heronparktennis.com and click on "Court Booking". You'll find the instructions there. **Only players that have registered with the club for 2020 will be accepted by the booking system.** So please register as soon as possible if you want to play.

Registration: The process is the same as last year. You can either register and pay online or you can mail the application form and cheque to Ian Winningham, our Membership Convenor. His address is on the application form. To register online go to <https://heronparktennis.com/s3/index.php/this-season/instructions-for-registering-on-line>. To print out an application form go to www.heronparktennis.com and click on "Application Form".

We are all aware that these are unprecedented times and we have to adjust to it as best we can. Although some rules may appear cumbersome, they have been established to protect all of us and our future economy. Let's get familiar with them and let's abide by them. Please also note that the rules will be enforced. Spot checks will be made. The City is adamant in enforcing the rules strictly. To avoid any dire consequences for our club, if you become aware of anybody not adhering to the rules, i.e. just dropping in, lingering around without playing on a court, not adhering to the social distancing rules, etc., please let me know. Please know that anybody found not adhering to the rules will lose their playing privileges immediately.

Please be a good, responsible club member, even in these trying times. Let's stand together and make the best of it. This will pass too and hopefully we'll soon be back to playing as we used to do.

There are still issues to be worked out with the City. When these have been resolved and the permit is issued, you'll hear from me again.

Regards,

Renate
President