



COVID19: TENNIS BC UPDATE

March 31, 2020

TO: ALL MEMBERS

In these difficult times dealing with and adapting to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is ultimately the health and safety of all participants in tennis, including players, coaches, staff, officials, fans, family, volunteers and the general public that is of the utmost importance to Tennis BC.

In response, the Board of Directors and Management of Tennis BC continue to monitor the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure the health and wellbeing of staff and our tennis community. In addition to monitoring all levels of government advisories and regulations on a regular basis, Tennis BC has been consulting with our stakeholders, including Tennis Canada, provincial funding organizations, and our members.

Steps taken recently by the various levels of government and certain member clubs include the following:

- 1) Between March 13 to March 18, some member clubs closed their tennis facilities.
- 2) On March 18, Canada announced financial help, through the COVID-19 Economic Response Plan, for Canadians and businesses facing hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 3) Through a News Release on March 18, the BC government declared a provincial state of emergency to support the provincewide response to the novel coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic.
- 4) Parks Boards across the province have closed tennis courts.

Some of the steps Tennis BC has taken include the following:

- 1) On March 18, we suspended all Tennis BC sanctioned tournaments through April 30th and reminded the tennis community to respect the guidelines that many clubs sent directly to their members.
- 2) Effective on March 19, the newly opened Hub @ Richmond was closed indefinitely.

In addition, Tennis BC held an emergency Board Meeting regarding COVID-19 on March 12th and has had several Board and Finance & Audit Committee meetings since to review issues, determine action plans, and update our 2020-2021 budget, which will be effective April 1, 2020.

In order to comply with the community need to self-isolate for the indefinite future, Tennis BC is not planning on any operations, including league, tournaments, lessons, coaching certifications, school programs, officiating, and running the Hub @ Richmond, until later in the summer. If it is determined that it is safe and appropriate to resume regular operations earlier, we will do so. Given that the Spring / Summer 2020 tennis season is essentially cancelled, our operations need to reflect this reality, and accordingly, we plan to eliminate all non-essential spending and as much short-term operating costs as possible.

We also continue to explore the possibility of further savings, including utilizing the various federal and provincial assistance programs if they are available to us.

As your volunteer board, we take our responsibility to protect our 100 year old society very seriously as we attempt to mitigate the effects of this COVID-19 pandemic. If there are significant changes to our outlook or assumptions, we will communicate these with you, our members.



Both of us will make ourselves available to discuss with you individually the temporary actions we are taking to ensure the health of Tennis BC and our tennis community.

All the best,

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