

PANDEMIC PROTOCOL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. May I register for a tournament before 8:00 a.m. on Friday?

No. If we allow early registration it would surely result in increasingly earlier and earlier registration. We do not want to be in the position of denying registration to anyone because we allowed early registrations to fill the field prematurely.

2. I know your personal email address. Can I use that instead of the one listed?

I would prefer that everyone use the listed email address so all registrations come in on the same system and receive the same relative time stamp.

3. Will we always have to start men on Monday and ladies on Tuesday?

No. We will only do separate day starts when the total number of entries exceeds the capacity of the facility. For example:

If a club has 24 courts and we are playing on every other court, then only 12 courts can be used, and those 12 courts can hold only 24 teams. So, if at the end of registration, the total number of men's and ladies' teams registered is no greater than 24 we can start everyone on Monday and Finish on Tuesday. If the total number of teams exceeds 24, men will start on Monday and ladies will start on Tuesday.

4. If men and women start on different days, will everyone finish the tournament on Wednesday?

No, not always. If the division starting on Tuesday is small enough that there will be at least 4 courts available, then the Monday division can finish on Tuesday. Using the example above, if the ladies' division is 16 or fewer teams, only 8 courts would be needed for that division. Which would leave 4 courts that the men's division could use to finish on Tuesday.

5. Do I have to sit on the same bench as my opponent?

No. Players are permitted to sit on the bench on the adjoining court or, using their own chair, on the apron of the adjacent court, or behind the bench of their assigned court. The rules will be relaxed to allow players to maintain proper distancing. To avoid conflict, we will adopt the following procedure:

- a. If play is on odd numbered courts, players will use only the next higher even numbered court for this purpose.
- b. If play is on even numbered courts, players will use only the next lower odd numbered court for this purpose.

6. I have heard that I will be required to sign a different registration form. Is that right?

Yes. A special registration/release form has been produced for use during the pandemic. It includes additional wording for pandemic issues and contact tracing information. It can be found on the Forms section of the FSA website and must be used for all statewide and district tournaments during the pandemic period. Everyone entering the venue, including players and those who may accompany them, directors, and volunteers must complete the form.

7. I understand that no food or beverages may be sold by the club, but can we at least have coffee and baked goods for players?

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Sorry, but “No food or beverages prepared, served or sold” includes coffee, donuts, etc.