



SAFE RETURN TO TOURNAMENTS

TENNIS COVID-19 INFO PACK

*Play your part, take personal
responsibility for your safety
and the safety of others*



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NO MASK
NO ENTRY!



TENNIS AND THE NATIONAL RISK ADJUSTED STRATEGY



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CATEGORIES	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 1
Must observe all general government guidelines	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tennis Clubhouse	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open	Open
Bathroom Facilities	Closed	Emergency only	Emergency only	Open	Open
Tennis Coaching	Not allowed	Max. 2 players per court	Max. 4 players per court	Max. 8 players per court	Regular coaching
Use of Floodlights at Clubs	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Protective Masks upon arrival and departure	Closed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Return to normal
Social Distancing	Closed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Return to normal
Hand Sanitiser	Closed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cleaning of Coaching Equipment	Closed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Handling of Tennis Balls - Coaching	Closed	Coach only	Coach only	Return to normal	Return to normal
Facility Access - Coaching	Closed	Coach and players only	Coach and players only	Coach, players, parent	Return to normal
Clubs	Closed	Closed	Singles and doubles, Players to provide own tennis balls (marked)	Same as level 3	Return to normal
Court Reservations - Coaching	Closed	Made by coach	Made by coach/players	Made by coach/players	Return to normal
Court Reservations - Club Play	Closed	Made by member	Made by member	Made by member	Return to normal
Maximum permitted – Club Play	Closed	1 court per family	No. of courts = Max	No. of courts = Max	Return to normal
Club Canteens	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open for refreshments	Open for refreshments

COMPETITIVE TENNIS GUIDELINES FOR TOURNAMENTS



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Prior to entering a Tournament or arriving At venue

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If a player has:

- been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days; or
- any flu-like symptoms; or
- are in a high risk health category.

The player must withdraw from the current tournament and not enter a forthcoming tournament until he/she has been declared medically fit and able to complete. If a player has entered into a tournament that is to commence within the 14 day period from the initial withdrawal, the player will automatically be withdrawn from the said tournament.

General behaviour:

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- Always maintain social distancing.
- Always wear face masks when on-site.
- Try to avoid use of bathrooms as much as possible. Wash hands thoroughly after use of bathroom and avoid drinking water directly from taps.
- **Players to have their own hand sanitizer in their tennis bags which can be used on change of ends in addition to general sanitizing.**
- Be responsible for own litter after having something to eat and drink, by personally placing the empty containers etc. in a dustbin.
- Avoid unnecessary gathering around the tournament office/tournament desk.
- Refer to the notice board. Players to approach the organizer desk themselves to report for times and to report results and return tennis balls.
- Wash/sterilize your hands before and after you play and avoid touching your face while playing.
- No sharing of water bottles. Bring your own water bottles.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or hand-sanitizer when available, before and after eating, after going to the toilet, sneezing and coughing.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes and dispose of any used tissue immediately.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Keep your distance from people who are obviously sick.
- Be aware of what surfaces you touch and don't touch equipment such as net or net handle. If you do, you must immediately clean the area you touched with sanitizer.

On-site at the venue:

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- Arrive as close to your match time as possible. All matches will be schedule on a 'Not Before' time basis.
- **Where absolutely necessary participants may have a maximum of one adult to accompany them on-site. In order to adhere to social distancing and reducing numbers onsite it is preferred for only players to be on-site with parents dropping children off and meeting them in the parking area.**
- Advisable to bring own chairs.
- Only registered coaches will be permitted on-site.
- Players will be permitted one accompanying person (parent, family member etc). The same person to accompany the player on both days of the tournament.
- All coaches and parents will need to provide certain personal data and sign a daily attendance register upon arriving at the venue. Personal data will be utilized for contact tracing purposes only.
- Non compliance of completing the necessary information/data will result in the person not being granted access to the venue.
- Always adhere to social distancing and refrain from gathering in groups.
- Upon completion of your match, depart from venue and return in time for your next match.
- No use of showering facilities will be permitted.
- Where possible, all efforts to be made to try and avoid remaining on-site.
- Masks to be worn at all times while on-site by participants, parents, coaches, tournament staff and officials.

On-court precautions:

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- **Players to have their own hand sanitizer in their tennis bags which can be used on change of ends in addition to general sanitizing.**
- Participants to have own water and own towels.
- No sharing of on court benches. Participants to be seated either side of the umpire's chair (separate).
- When changing ends do so at opposite ends of the net.
Masks to be worn when arriving on court. Masks may be removed during the match, but must be worn when leaving the court.
- No shaking of hands after the match, only tapping of rackets will be permitted.
- Both players to return their tennis balls to the tournament desk after the completion of the score and ascertain the time for their next match.
- Only singles matches will take place during stage 3 lockdown. From stage 2 lockdown doubles will be re-introduced.
- When changing ends allow sufficient space for one another to pass.

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Tennis balls:

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- Three new tennis balls will be provided to be used by both players. No ball change will be required due to the format being two sets and a 10 point match tie breaker.
- In the event of a player feeling more comfortable with having tennis balls marked, such request must be made to the organiser prior to the start of the tournament i.e. each player being provided with two tennis balls, which will be marked by the organiser with a suitable pen. Each player will use his/her allocated tennis balls to serve with when it is their turn to serve and are to handle their own tennis balls only.
- After the completion of the match, all tennis balls will be sanitized before being used for play-off matches by sanitizer spray by the organiser

Entry procedure:

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The entry deadline and withdrawal deadline have been amended to both be seven (7) days prior to the tournament.

Mini Series tournament in August will remain as closed events for players from the specific District only. Once Inter Provincial Travel is permitted, tournaments will be open for wider participation.

Tournaments in August and September will be played according to the UTR Rating system and will count towards players ratings. TSA Rankings will only be re-introduced when Inter Provincial Travel may commence and after September events. The return to tennis is being done on a gradual basis with focus on match practice and ratings to allow local participation initially.

Amendment to entry terms and conditions:

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- I hereby agree to abide by the TSA tournament Rules Regulations and Code of Conduct.
- I indemnify TSA, the Tournament Organisers, Officials and all persons associated with the tournament from from all liabilities and claims that could accrue to me or my heirs, executors or administrators as a result of illness, injury or death incurred by participating in this tournament.
- Please note all refunds are processed by the system when you withdraw.
- If you should have difficulty withdrawing on line, please send an email to info@tennissa.co.za before the withdrawal deadline. Failure to withdraw within the specified deadline will result in no refund being made.
- Accept to adhere to the specific TSA COVID 19 tournament rules, regulations and code of conduct which is in addition to the standard TSA tournament rules, regulations and code of conduct, as well as the general Government requirements relating to social distancing and applicable to the current Government lockdown level.
- Where a tournament venue may have their own additional COVID 19 health and safety precautions, agree to abide by and follow these measures:
- Take full responsibility and accountability for ensuring health and safety precautions. Agree not hold any tournament organizer, competitor, official, Provincial Association or Tennis South Africa responsible or liable in the event of contracting the Corona virus.

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Code of conduct:

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1. The COVID-19 Code of Conduct is in addition to the existing TSA Code of Conduct which is applicable to players, parents, coaches and officials.
2. The COVID-19 Code of Conduct refers to all health and safety regulations that are in place by National Government and as per the TSA COVID 19 Tournament Regulations and Procedures.
3. All parties need to accept responsibility for their actions and health precautions.
4. Wearing of masks is mandatory at all times from time of getting out of the car in car park, until returning to the car. Players may only remove masks when on court and must put on the mask before leaving the court after the match is completed.
5. No exceptions will be made for any person onsite to not wear a mask. This applies to players, parents, coaches, tournament organisers, tournament staff and officials.
6. In all cases the interpretation and decision of the Tournament Referee will be final.

Non-Compliance:

1. The COVID-19 Temporary Coaching License forms part of Government legislation and is therefore non-compliance constitutes a criminal offence, which is also covered by the general TSA Code of Conduct.
2. Any person found to have broken the COVID 19 Code of Conduct or Tournament regulations/procedures will face disciplinary action with the following consequences:

1st Offence:

Warning to follow the COVID 19 procedures. This can be issued by the Tournament Referee or Off Court Official.

2nd Offence:

Non-compliance following the Warning provided from the 1st Offence will result in the person being asked to leave the venue immediately. In the case of a player, the player will be defaulted immediately from the tournament, regardless of being on or off court.

In the event of an accompanying person (parent, guardian, coach) being asked to leave the venue and refusing to leave will result in the player being defaulted from the event.

In both the 1st and 2nd offence, these are criminal offences and TSA, the tournament organizer, Tournament Referee or member of public are obliged to report such criminal offence to the South African Police Service, in which case TSA shall immediately terminate the person's rights to attending any further TSA tournaments or in the case of a player being concerned, terminating the player's TSA membership until the outcome of the criminal case.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Tennis holds a unique advantage as a sport which requires no direct contact between players. However, in all cases player, parent, coaches and staff safety comes first.

Let's all work together on the various requirements and guidelines in order to comply and show that tennis can remain active during difficult times.

Your patience, understanding and support is greatly appreciated.

We need to take care of one another.



Tennis South Africa



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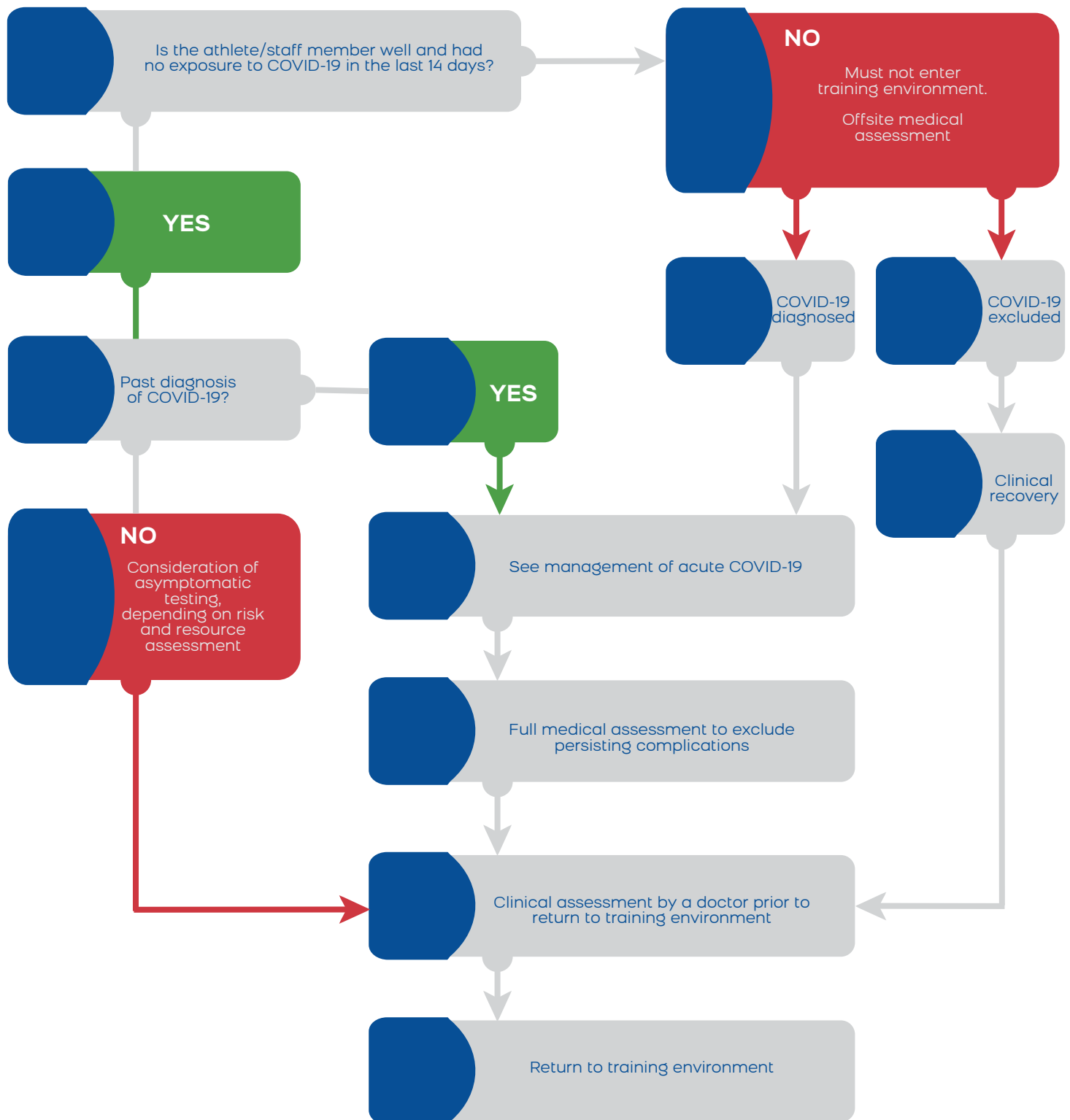


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PROTOCOLS FOR MANAGING COVID-19 POSITIVE CASES



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COVID-19 ATHLETES, SUPPORT STAFF & OFFICIALS SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE



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FULL NAMES:

CONTACT NUMBER:

CLUB / CENTRE:

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS:

CONTACT DETAILS OF PERSON/S
LIVING AT SAME RESIDENCE:

HAVE YOU BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ANYONE THAT HAS HAD COVID-19? YES ☐ / NO ☐

DO HAVE SUDDEN ONSET OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS? FEVER / COUGH / SHORTNESS OF BREATH / SORE THROAT / LOSS OF SMELL OR TASTE: YES ☐ / NO ☐

N.B: Should you respond YES to any of the above symptoms, please:

- Stay at home
- Practise self-isolation
- Contact a medical professional to discuss your symptoms and further actions that may be required

TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE, ARE YOU CURRENTLY FREE OF COVID-19? YES ☐ / NO ☐

BY SIGNING THIS FORM, I HEREBY DECLARE THAT I AM FIT, AND IN GOOD HEALTH AND CAN RESUME TRAINING.

DATE(MM-DD-YYYY)

SIGNATURE

TRAVEL GUIDE PERSONAL DECLARATION FORM



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FIRST NAME:

LAST NAME:

CONTACT NUMBER:

HAVE YOU VISITED OR RETURNED FROM OVERSEAS IN THE LAST 14 DAYS? **YES** ☐ / **NO** ☐

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR RETURN DATE IF YOU HAVE ANSWERED YES IN THE PREVIOUS QUESTION.

HAVE YOU BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ANYONE WHO HAS VISITED OR RETURNED FROM OVERSEAS IN THE LAST 14 DAYS? **YES** ☐ / **NO** ☐

PLEASE INDICATE THE DATE OF CONTACT IF YOU HAVE ANSWERED YES IN THE PREVIOUS QUESTION

I acknowledge that the information I've given is accurate and complete.

DATE(MM-DD-YYYY)

SIGNATURE

VENUE FACILITY CHECKLIST FOR DAY TO DAY TRAINING



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VENUE CHECKLIST

GUIDELINES TO A SAFE AND HEALTHY COACHING EXPERIENCE	COMPLETED	TO BE COMPLETED
1. Necessary Screening and Sanitising of Equipment		
1 a. Screening Desk and main entrance		
1 b. Thermometer / Temperature Gauge		
1 c. Hand sanitiser at entry point for each court		
1. d. Sanitiser wipes for cleaning of tennis equipment and gate / door handles		
1 e. Daily attendance register		
1 f. Disclaimer forms		
2. COVID-19 Tennis Documents to be on display		
2 a. COVID-19 infographic		
2 c. Summary of guidelines		
3. Manning of the screening desk and ensuring access control		
4. Cleaning/Sanitising of equipment between match sessions		
5. Cleaning/Sanitising of equipment at the end of the day		
6. Emergency numbers available for reporting and providing support		
7. Self isolation room at the venue		

Good luck, welcome back on court and please stay safe !

Name of Referee :

Comments / Concerns.....

COACHING – COVID-19 COMPLIANCE RECORD SHEET



Coaching Venue/Club: Name of Licensed Coach: Month.....

Coaches Signature..... Name of Safety Compliance Officer:.....

DATE	TIME IN/OUT	PLAYER NAME	TEMP READING	NAME AND CONTACT NUMBER OF PARENT/GUARDIAN	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

Comments / Concerns:.....

PARENT / GUARDIAN / PLAYER INDEMNITY FORM



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I, on behalf of myself and any minor child/children for whom I have the capacity to contract, hereby acknowledge and agree to the following:

1. I acknowledge and understand that the circumstances regarding COVID-19 are changing from day to day and that, accordingly, the SA Government, the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention and Tennis SA guidelines are regularly modified and updated and I accept full responsibility for familiarizing myself with the most recent updates.
2. I acknowledge and fully assume the risk of illness or death related to COVID-19 arising from my or my child/children being on the premises and participating in tennis practices.
3. I understand the risks associated with COVID-19 and understand the manner in which the virus spreads.
4. I am aware of, and understand, the policies that Tennis SA has implemented in order to minimise the risk of transmission of COVID-19. Policy requirements set out by Tennis SA and the Government of South Africa can be found on www.tennissa.co.za
5. Given the nature of the COVID-19 virus I know and understand the risks associated with participating in tennis or tennis coaching. I accept these risks and agree that I cannot hold the coach/venue/club/Tennis SA or its staff liable for the transmission of, or any outbreak of, the virus at the venue. I indemnify, waive any right I might have to institute any claim of any kind against the venue or its staff and in relation to COVID-19.
6. This document does not exclude or limit any liability that is not capable of exclusion or limitation by law.
7. I agree and undertake that:
 - a. I, and my child/children, will adhere to all policies that Tennis SA and National Government have put in place with regard to COVID 19.
 - b. If I or my child/children or any members of my family show any symptoms of COVID 19 or are sick at all, we will stay at home. These symptoms include, but are not limited to, cough, fever, tiredness, sore throat, runny nose, shortness of breath, diarrhoea, headache, loss of taste or smell, rash or chest pain.
 - c. I will inform the coach and/or the venue/club compliance officer as well as one of the TSA Compliance Officers immediately if I or my child/children or if anyone else in the household has been infected with COVID-19. In this event, our family will undertake to quarantine the entire family for 14 days.
8. In order to ensure the safety of all players and staff, I will wear a mask and will provide my child/children or any other family members with masks and explain to them that the masks must be worn at all times when at tennis except during play on court.
9. I confirm that before I, my child/children or any other member of the family returns to tennis I will teach them how to put the masks on and take them off and how to wear them properly. I acknowledge that:
 - a. I will ensure that I and my children are proficient in the use of their masks before coming to tennis.
 - b. I will ensure that my own and my child/children's clothing and masks will be washed daily.
 - c. I will educate my child/children and any other family members about social distancing and its importance.
10. My current contact details have been provided to the coach/venue/club and are correct and valid.

I/WE DO HEREBY DECLARE AND CERTIFY THAT I/WE HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT AND I/WE FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENT. I AM / WE ARE AWARE THAT THIS IS AN INDEMNITY AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND I/WE SIGN IT OF MY/OUR OWN FREE WILL.

SIGNED at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 20_____

.....
PARENT/GUARDIAN/PLAYER
(Name and Surname)

.....
PARENT/GUARDIAN/PLAYER
(Signature)

COVID-19 EMERGENCY HOTLINES

National Government

Website:

www.sacoronavirus.co.za

Emergency Hotline -

0800 029 999

WhatsApp Support Line -

0600 123456

Tennis South Africa:

Website:

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Emergency Hotline and WhatsApp support – 083 944 3973 (Iain)

Emergency Hotline and WhatsApp support – 083 422 8110 (Ephraim)