

TENNIS CONSIDERATIONS – 1/13/2021

Each school should develop a plan with their local health officials to successfully complete the fall season. Below are considerations to include in your plan.

Special Considerations for the use of the following equipment:

- Tennis Balls
- Rackets
- Ball Bags
- Flip Scorecards
- Ball Machines
- Basket Pickups
- Towels
- Water Bottles
- Gloves are permissible for all players, coaches and officials.
- Each team is responsible for its own towels, hand sanitizer and med kit

Special Considerations for the use of the following components of the facility:

- Nets
- Fences/Gates
- Bleachers
- Benches
- Warm-Up Areas
- Team Areas
- Locker Rooms
- Concession
- Clubhouse
- Bathrooms/Portable restrooms
- Hydration stations
- Entry/Exit

Practices – Screenings, face coverings and individual hygiene of all participants should be followed in accordance with WHSAA Smart Start Guidelines and the WHSAA Screening/Monitoring form should be utilized.

- Workouts/practices should be conducted in “pods” of participants with same players practicing together to limit overall exposure
- Players should maintain the recommended six feet of distancing between individuals and have no physical contact with each other
- No sharing of equipment (except tennis balls)
- All activities (including meetings) occur outdoors
- Avoid grouping of athletes at the start and end of practices and during transition times
- Face coverings are not recommended while playing, but are **required** before and after practice for everyone (athletes and coaches)

Events - WHSAA Smart Start Guidelines must be utilized for all events.

- Regular season matches will be duals only. Teams may have more than one dual in a day, but must keep teams separated to meet social distancing guidelines
- No pre or post-meet handshakes or fist bumps should take place
- Face coverings are not recommended while playing but are **required** before and after matches (when not playing) for everyone (coaches and athletes).

- All event workers should utilize face coverings, and gloves when appropriate
- No pre or post game gatherings should take place to assist in limiting exposure. (i.e. Tailgating, BBQ's, etc.)
- No team dinners

Post Season:

Regionals will need to utilize enough courts to maximize social distancing and reducing crowd sizes for each division. This could mean Green River may need to have matches in Rock Springs and Cody may have to have matches in Powell.

State will be able to use 4 more courts this year than in the past. Saturday schedule will use the three outside sites to reduce numbers.

USTA Safety Links:

<https://www.usta.com/en/home/usta-covid-19-updates.html#/tennisafety>