



2021 Tennis Return to Activity Guidelines

Updated 3/26/2021

Screening Process

- All Return to Activity (RTA) pre-event screening protocols must be followed. Protocols may be found at <https://www.sonj.org/sports/sonj-return-to-activity-guidelines/>. The screening process includes athletes, coaches, volunteers, and any family members/caregivers that remain for the duration of practice.
- Athletes must have current medical and COVID waiver prior to the start of training
- Volunteer certifications are required prior to the start of training
 - Coaches (age 18+) – Updated Class A Form/Background Screen, Protective Behaviors, Concussion and COVID waiver
 - Volunteers (age 14+) – Updated Class B Form and COVID waiver
 - Unified Partners (if applicable) – Updated Class A Form, protective behaviors and COVID waiver

Venue

- All programs must adhere to venue capacity rules and regulations. As such, spectators may be asked to leave venues if capacity limits are met and are expected to comply. Current guidance – no more than **fifty (50)** total individuals
 - 50 total all-inclusive to athletes, coaches, volunteers, and spectators
- Confirm with venue regarding additional restrictions
- Locker rooms or restrooms may not be available based on venue guidelines – check with venue prior to training

Training Guidance/Equipment

- All practice structure must align with the current Special Olympics New Jersey RTA guidelines
- Athletes can practice no more than one (1) time per week
- While at the venue, ensure all participants practice social distancing and maximum group number limitations as outlined in the current RTA plan
 - Waiting areas must be social distancing compliant
 - For larger programs, consider splitting athletes and coaches into 2 squads practicing on opposite ends of the venue



2021 Tennis Return to Activity Guidelines (cont.)

- Mask Compliance – Masks must be worn at all times by all participants
 - Includes athletes, coaches, volunteers, and spectators
 - Mask is required by athletes during tennis play
 - Mask may be removed for hydrating or brief medical reasons only
- No equipment should be shared between athletes and must be sanitized between athlete use
 - Rackets, towels, etc.
- Sanitizing Equipment – Equipment must be sanitized prior to and following practice
 - Check with venue regarding sanitizing protocols
 - PPE equipment is available in the Coach Tool Kit (available by SONJ)

Volunteers/Spectators

- Programs must use the minimum number of volunteers possible for training/practice
 - Volunteers are required to be pre-registered through Special Olympics New Jersey
 - Volunteers must always wear a mask and maintain social distancing protocols
 - Volunteers are counted as part of the total number of individuals allowed at a venue
- Spectators are discouraged to attend training/practices
 - Spectators must always wear a mask and maintain social distancing protocols
 - Spectators are counted as part of the total number of individuals allowed at a venue

Competition

- June 11-13 – Location TBD
- Events Offered:
 - Athletes may complete in one (1) event:
 - Singles OR Unified Doubles