

Chilmark Tennis Program Fall Tennis Proposal

The health and safety of our community is our top priority. With the Summer almost over, Eddie Stahl and his staff of tennis pros and monitors are dedicated to continuing this summer's very successful tennis program after the CCC Summer Program formally ends. The Fall Chilmark Tennis Program ("Chilmark Tennis") will continue to follow the CDC, Governor Baker, the Massachusetts Department of Health and the Chilmark Board of Health and Board of Selectman for related guidance. Chilmark Tennis proposes to continue play until November 30, 2020. As this guidance changes, Chilmark Tennis will adjust operations accordingly and reserves the right to close its facilities as necessary.

In an effort to provide a clear set of expectations for the Town and the Island Community, Chilmark Tennis proposes the following protocols and procedures for continuing play at Chilmark Tennis amidst the ongoing concerns relating to COVID-19 as outlined below.

The Role of Chilmark Tennis: Continuing through November 30, 2020, Chilmark Tennis proposes that it will continue its procedures and protocols with respect to the Tennis Program and the Tennis Area. The Tennis Area has been defined as the area encompassing the east side of Chilmark Tennis parking lot to the area leading from the Tennis Building to the Tennis courts available for fall play.

During the time Chilmark Tennis will continue to control access and supervise the Tennis Area. Chilmark Tennis goal is to provide a safe environment for all tennis players and staff participating in our program, as well as the community as a whole.

General Access:

- It will be stated in signage and in policy and procedure guidelines that Players will play at their own risk

- Play will be for members only. Guests will not be permitted. Chilmark Tennis will provide year-round residents with a discount for Tennis Membership.
- Tennis Area will be used for tennis play only. No other recreational activities are permitted on the courts. Spectators or gathering of groups will not be permitted.
- Reservations will be for 55 minutes, in order to give a five minute buffer between sessions. Players should leave directly after finishing play.
- All members and staff will have to maintain the CDC Guidelines of 6 feet for healthy physical distancing at all times.
- All members and staff must wear a mask to and from parking area to the tennis courts.
- Port-a-Potty will be maintained by Chilmark Tennis
- No water, food, snacks or other beverage services will be available.
- If a member or staff, or someone in their household feel unwell for any reason or experience any symptoms of COVID-19, that person should self quarantine, seek appropriate medical advice and not come to Tennis Area.
- Prior reservations will be required for court reservations. All players must be included in reservation.
- Memberships will be paid for electronically, and will be assessed weekly for as long as tennis remains open beginning September 7, 2020.
- Pack in/Pack out. We will ask Members to take their bottles, towels, wipes, gloves, trash with them. Chilmark Tennis will keep and maintain Trash and Recycling containers for the tennis area. We anticipate having a limited number of trash receptacles within Tennis Area as guided by Board of Health.
- Chilmark Tennis will have instructive signage throughout the Tennis Area in accordance with applicable standards.
- The Tennis building will be closed by the Chilmark Community Center and kept locked. The Chilmark Tennis Program will not have access to it. Court equipment will be kept in the storage shed and will only be accessible to Chilmark Tennis staff. Members will present themselves for porch service to check in, no one may check in without a mask.

- Courts will be open for reserved play from the hours of 8am to 12pm and 3 pm to 6pm. At all other times, the courts will only be available to Pros for lessons. Hours may change as deemed fit by Chilmark Tennis. When courts are not being monitored, courts will be locked.

Rules of Play/Conduct:

- Maximum of four people playing on a court plus a tennis pro, if applicable.
- Players must use their own equipment during play.
- Players must practice appropriate social distancing during play. No shaking hands, “high fives”.
- Players are required to change ends at opposite sides of the net post.
- Chilmark Tennis reserves the right to turn away anyone who demonstrates Covid-19 like symptoms or who does not abide by the rules and regulations of Chilmark Tennis.

Staff/Lessons/Group Lessons:

- Chilmark Tennis plans to have a Tennis Manager to handle court bookings and oversee the Tennis staff and pros.
- The Tennis Manager will ensure staff and pros are up-to-date with all safety processes and procedures
- Tennis staff and pros will wear a mask when checking in players. Staff will wash hand/gloves often and after touching items.
- Staff will capture accurate information on reservation play sheets when people are making reservations in case authorities need to trace who has been on site.
- The Tennis staff will monitor the Tennis Area.
- Tennis Lessons and Group Lessons will be limited to a small group on court including Pro.
- Pros will be assigned specific courts.
- Pros will position players at well-placed stations.
- Players will not handle coaching equipment.
- Each pro will have a designated hopper.

While these protocols and procedures may seem burdensome to some, they are designed to ensure a safe tennis program for the community during these challenging times. We all will be relying on the patience and compliance of our tennis members to help limit the spread of contagion, while being able to enjoy a favorite recreational activity.