

EFWTC COVID-19 Rules and Procedures (version 1.4c) December 22, 2021

Eglinton Flats Winter Tennis Club (EFWTC) is committed to protecting its employees and members. It is imperative that all stakeholders duly follow safe COVID-19 protocols as outlined by municipal, provincial, and federal level government and health officials.

The rules and procedures outlined below are current as of this writing. As public health guidelines change, we will respond accordingly and may make additional changes to these COVID-19 Rules and Procedures. The document will be posted on our website under the downloads link.

Failure to follow any of these rules will lead to forfeiture of the court time with no refund and potential suspension of membership.

Proof of Vaccination and ID Check

Until Dec. 31, 2021, all members of Eglinton Flats Winter Tennis Club (EFWTC) that are 12 years of age or older must show proof of vaccination and valid ID **each time** they visit the facility. Beginning Jan. 1, 2022, all members of Eglinton Flats Winter Tennis Club (EFWTC) that are aged 12 years + 12 weeks or older must show proof of vaccination and valid ID **each time** they visit the facility while those between 12 and 12 + 12 weeks must only show valid ID.

Beginning Jan 4th 2022, in accordance with Provincial guidelines, Eglinton Flats Winter Tennis Club (EFWTC) will **only accept the enhanced vaccine certificate with official QR code as proof of vaccination**. We advise members to please download and/or print this certificate by visiting <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/proof-covid-19-vaccination> and to have it in their tennis bag for convenience.

If a member does not provide us with proof of vaccination AND valid ID when they come into the club, they will not be allowed to play on their court and their court fees will not be refunded. Additional booking restrictions and potential membership cancellation can also be applied.

Please be courteous to the desk staff. We are performing these checks in accordance with City of Toronto guidelines: <https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-reopening-recovery-rebuild/covid-19-reopening-guidelines-for-businesses-organizations/covid-19-guidance-employers-workplaces-businesses/>

Although members play repeatedly at our club and staff may know who they are, until further notice we will continue to perform vaccine and ID checks to ensure all members have these documents on their person during the time they visit our club. If we are visited by health officials and it is determined that some members did not have these documents with them, it is likely that the member, the club manager and the club

business owners will be issued heavy fines and be potentially shut down. We wish to keep everyone safe and to do whatever we can to remain open this season and we ask for your patience and consideration.

Before Coming to Eglinton Flats Winter Tennis Club (EFWTC)

All members are required to read the “Covid-19 Active Screening Tool for Patrons” available at: <https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/9678-Active-Screening-Tool-for-Patrons.pdf>

Please answer all questions before each time you visit our club. You will be asked again by our staff when you enter the facility. **If you answer YES to any of the questions, please DO NOT book a court or visit our club.**

According to Provincial Guidelines, we are required to actively perform this questionnaire for our staff and members to help prevent the spread of Covid-19.

If You Test Positive for Covid-19

Please let us know immediately if you test positive for Covid-19. We will help you with court cancellations. In addition we have to perform contact tracing and let other members (with whom you may have come into close contact) know to self-isolate and get tested.

If You Come into Close Contact (<2m distance) with Someone Who Tested Positive for Covid-19 in the last 14 Days

Please let us know and please self-isolate for 14 days. If you wish to visit the club before 14 days expired, you will have to show us a recent negative Covid-19 test (rapid test or PCR test).

No Guests

Due to the concerning rise in case of the Omicron variant and its high transmissibility, we, the management of EFWTC, have decided not to allow any guests for the remainder of the 2021-2022 winter tennis season at EFWTC or until an email is sent out announcing modifications to this rule.

No Spectators

No spectators, parents, children, friends or significant others are allowed in the clubhouse. Only member tennis players are permitted on their way to and from the tennis courts and gathering inside the clubhouse is not permitted. Also, there will be no water cooler, borrowed racquets or used balls this season. The lockers and change

rooms will not be operational this season. The brown brick pavilion will be washroom use only – no showers, no lockers and no change rooms.

Capacity Restrictions

This season we can only permit a maximum of 5 members to lineup inside the clubhouse at any given time. This is only for people waiting to have their proof of vaccine and ID checked, active screening and/or conduct a transaction on their way to the court or after their play.

As per bubble capacity, we were assessed by an architect that our bubble's maximum capacity is 84 people. As such, the recent 50% capacity restriction for sports facilities imposed by the Province of Ontario means that we are restricted to 42 people in the bubble at any time. Therefore, doubles play is not affected.

Staggered Courts

To limit gatherings and members walking past each other in and out of the facility, our courts will continue to operate on a staggered entry/exit process. Courts 1 & 2 change the hour. Courts 3 & 4 change 10 minutes after the hour. Courts 5 & 6 change 20 minutes after the hour. It is the booking member's responsibility to inform their partners which court they have booked. Members arriving early for their court will be asked to wait outside.

Masks

All staff and members are required to wear a mask while in the clubhouse and the brown brick building with the washrooms (City of Toronto by-law no. 541-2020). A face shield is not a substitute for a mask or face covering.

Please dress for the weather as you will be doing some waiting outside. The club house is for vaccination QR code and ID checks and transactions only and is passed through on the way to and from the bubble. Please maintain at least a 2m social distance when outside of the clubhouse. Bring your own mask, water, towel, racquet(s), and balls. New balls and bottled water are still for sale at the desk. We will also be selling disposable masks.

Things You Can Do to Make our COVID-19 Rules and Procedures more Efficient

Since we only have a single entrance to the clubhouse and to the bubble, these COVID-19 procedures can cause long and frustrating lineups. We very strongly urge everybody to follow these 3 recommendations to reduce the lineup times:

1. This season, we will be requiring the names of all the members playing on the court. If the players on a regular PCT are different, the PCT Group Leader must email us the names before coming to the club. This is for contact tracing purposes. So, as soon as you know the names of the rest of the members on your court, please e-mail the club

with all the names to (payments@eglintonflats.com). If this is not done, we will have to identify the other players when they arrive which might cause delays.

2. Court booking requires advance payment on BallButton. Paying in advance limits waiting for payments at the front desk and helps reduce gathering inside the clubhouse. It also has the added benefit of not touching money.

3. It is not necessary to sign our COVID-19 Waiver and Declaration this year since the membership form (Rule 18) states that all Covid-19 rules and procedures (posted on our website) must be followed.

4. Please read and answer the “**Covid-19 Active Screening Tool for Patrons**” before each time you visit our club. The form is available at: <https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/9678-Active-Screening-Tool-for-Patrons.pdf>

Check-In

1. If your court was not prepaid, please arrive 10 minutes early and pay for your court before going into the bubble.

2. Everyone else can arrive (dressed for their tennis game) outside the clubhouse just before their real court time. When your court is supposed to change (on the hour or 10 after or 20 after), you can start entering the clubhouse (wearing a mask) in a socially distant line fashion. Only 5 people are allowed inside the clubhouse. Only 1 person is allowed inside the air lock on their way inside the bubble. Once inside the bubble, people go to their assigned court via the north side (left side) of the bubble unless it is court 1. People exiting the bubble should use the South side (right side).

3. If you show up late, please wait at the end of the line.

Playing on the Tennis Court

4. When entering the bubble, you go to the left and walk along the North side of the bubble to your court (unless it is court 1), still wearing your mask. When you arrive at your court, the previous occupants must leave the court (and put their masks back on) on the South side of the bubble and form a line along the West side of the bubble (west of court 1). So you are now on your court. Remove any outerwear clothing (jacket, etc.) and then your mask and play tennis for the hour.

5. It is recommended not to change ends. If you do change ends, go around opposite sides of the net (one at a time if doubles).

6. Do not share any equipment or other items (racquet, water bottles, food, etc.) with anybody. Do not touch net posts, light stands, ballasts, garbage cans, the contents of garbage cans, etc.

7. If you touch something, make sure to disinfect your hands and the surface you have touched. Follow physical distancing while on the court.

8. Do not shake hands with players or opponents on your own court or other courts or have any other physical/close contact before, during or after your tennis game.

Exiting the Tennis Court

9. You must have your mask on before you leave the tennis court.

10. When your time is up, you will leave the court along the south side of the bubble, wearing your mask and keeping a minimum of 6 feet apart from other players. You will join the socially distant exit line on the west side of court 1 (as far west as is possible) beginning at the south side of the "extended tennis net on court 1. Please be as quiet as possible so that the disturbance of court 1 players is minimized.

11. When the last player has entered the bubble, the line on the west side of court 1 can start leaving the bubble. You should then exit 1 at a time through the air lock and go straight to the parking lot unless you have a transaction to perform. When you are outside in the parking lot, you may remove your mask if there is nobody within 6 feet of you and dispose of it properly. If you have a transaction to perform (reporting a ladder match result, purchasing something, arranging a racquet restring, or signing up for something such as a clinic, round robin, house league, etc.), keep your mask on and move past the hallway which leads to the parking lot. Priority will be given to those entering and leaving the bubble over your transaction. After your transaction is completed, go straight to the parking lot.

Junior Academy Students and Parents

1. Please read the COVID-19 Waiver and Declaration for Junior Members.

2. Parents/guardians are to wait outside or in the car with the junior member before the start of the tennis class. Use this time to ensure that your child goes to the washroom. The outside waiting area will be enlarged to accommodate social distancing for your child.

3. Coaches will come outside to collect their students, and take them inside in single file to the courts where they can bring their outside attire.

4. Please remember to bring water, racquet, and shoes for your child. No sharing snacks or property unless the sharing children live in the same household.

5. Please pick up at 6pm, 6:10pm or 6:20pm outside. Do not come into the clubhouse.