

**WAIVER OF LIABILITY RELATING TO COVID-19 EXPOSURE OR INFECTION
BERKELEY TENNIS CLUB 2021**

Due to the unprecedented risks posed by the COVID-19 global pandemic, and in an effort to ensure that Berkeley members understand the potential risks of exposure and/or infection posed by playing tennis, and in an effort to ensure that Berkeley members will be able to enjoy its courts and facilities for years to come, the Berkeley Board (“the Board”) is requiring each member sign this waiver of liability. While this waiver is similar to the waiver that is part of the Berkeley application, this waiver is necessary due to the risks posed by the highly transmissible nature of the Coronavirus and COVID-19.

The Board has been and will continue to be guided by federal, state, and local mandates and guidelines, as well as USTA guidelines, and the medical information incorporated into those guidelines, in its efforts to develop a protocol designed to minimize the risk of COVID-19 exposure and/or infection. These efforts, however, require the cooperation of every member.

Berkeley’s protocol and guidelines encourage, among other measures. social distancing, frequent hand-washing and use of hand sanitizer, handling only one set of distinctly-marked balls per person, wearing face-covering when not on the court, and discourage congregating before and after play. The Board will endeavor to implement additional guidelines as information and/or circumstances change. The USTA Guidelines for players, which have been distributed by email and are being re-distributed with this waiver, can be found at

<https://www.usta.com/en/home/stay-current/national/usta-statement-on-safety-of-playing-tennis-during-the-covid-19-v.html>. The CDC guidelines can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Playing doubles tennis raises additional concerns. I acknowledge that the USTA Guidelines advise players to “consider not playing doubles, which could lead to incidental contact and unwanted proximity.” Play may be limited to singles upon reopening but permitted at some point. Berkeley has and will continue to provide information about ways to protect against infections while playing tennis, whether singles or doubles, through the distribution of this information and through the protocol for play developed for this season.

I acknowledge that despite these efforts, COVID-19 transmission can still occur. It may occur despite the best intentions and responsible actions of both myself and others at Berkeley. I alone can decide if it is safe for me to play and voluntarily assume the risk from participating in tennis or other programming at Berkeley, and sign this waiver in acknowledgement of such risk. In assuming the risk, I covenant not to sue, and agree to release, discharge and hold harmless Berkeley, and anyone affiliated with the Club (such as Board members, other members, volunteers, tennis professional staff, and/or contractors) from any personal injury, illness, disability or death (or any damages, loss, claim, liability or expenses) arising from COVID-19 exposure or infection that occurs before, during, or after participating in tennis or attending any other Berkeley activity.

Signature of Berkeley member

Date

Print name
