



May 8, 2020

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Malcolm Bromley  
General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT : **COVID-19 Tennis & Pickleball Protocols - Board Briefing Memo**

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Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to inform you that staff will be reopening outdoor tennis and pickleball courts in neighbourhoods across Vancouver through a phased approach starting this weekend. On Saturday morning (May 9), 53 courts will be open for play across seven locations: Champlain, John Hendry (Trout Lake), Kitsilano Beach, Memorial South, Queen Elizabeth, Stanley, and Strathcona parks. The remaining 135 courts will reopen throughout the week, with all courts ready for play by Friday, May 15. This reopening plan will be announced to the public later this morning via social media and a news release.

Tennis courts, along with many other Park Board facilities, were closed in mid-March in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. After a thorough review of operations, and in consultation with Tennis BC and the Vancouver Pickleball Association, safe tennis and pickleball play will resume with a new set of protocols and guidelines:

- Keep 2 metres apart at all times;
- Limit play to singles, or doubles play with partners from the same household;
- Queue outside the courts and maintain 2 metres distance when courts are in use;
- Do not share racquets or other equipment (for pickleball, bring your own net);
- Clearly mark all balls and refrain from picking-up other player's balls;
- Casual game play only -- no lessons or league play allowed;
- Remain courteous and limit play time to 30 minutes when others are waiting;
- Leave the courts immediately after play is finished;
- Wash hands and equipment often; and
- Stay home if unwell (particularly if exhibiting cold or flu-like symptoms).

These safety measures will be communicated through new signage at all courts and reinforced via reminders on Vancouver.ca and on our Park Board social media channels.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Malcolm Bromley'.

Malcolm Bromley  
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