

## COVID Protocols- FAQ's



### **Why are you IMPOSING so many “RULES”?**

As a club it 'should' be reasonable and maybe expected to implement as many precautions as possible, after all playing a game involves more than 3 other people. WHAT?!? There is You, the three others on the court, their spouses, and neighbors, and children and grandchildren, and your child's spouse, your child's spouses' parents ... and so on and so on and so on...WOW, this could be as many as 50+ people already! As an individual, you are 'alone', therefore only directly affect those around you and you-alone. If you want to engage in a game, follow the COVID protocol steps. \*\* YOU are ultimately responsible for any exposure to RISK, there is no guarantee that these procedures will keep you or others safe.

**Why do I have to use SIGN-up Genius to play in a Round Robin?** For extra safety screening. Every person who registers to play has to go thru the health screening questions. This is to actively remind each one of us of what to be aware of for possible COVID symptoms. The other reason is the club will use it for 'tracing/tracking' purposes "IF" someone is exposed to a Positive COVID case.

**Court JUMPING, Why can't we choose to rotate between courts and mix it up once we are already there?** It is very important that there is a 'tracking' system of who you were in contact with in the event of a COVID Alert. When we implement Sign-up Genius it keeps that record "Accurate and Easy to Access"

**What is the maximum number of people allowed to play on the courts?** According to Dr Bonnie Henry the max is 50 people at any 'organized' event. With the 6 courts that we use at Klahani, maintaining an under 50-person event should be easily achieved with the use of sign-up genius.

**What to do with stray balls that roll into our space?** Hopefully you are ready for this explanation! As a group you should only play and touch your OWN balls. If someone else's balls come into your space, do NOT handle them, instead kick their balls back to their court; but, be kind 😊

**Does the PUBLIC have to use sign-up genius too?** NO. Sign-up Genius is for organized club play for club members only. SHOULD there be an attendance of more than 24 people at the park, a club moderator will need to make an assessment or directive about the game at that time. It is REALLY important that all members respect COVID protocol and understand that there *may* be times that we need to 'walk away' to stay safer.

**Is Sanitizer or Soapy water really useful?** Soap and water is the best way to clean your hands and wash the ball (using the 20 second count method); however hand sanitizer is also an option. Choose one or the other, just be consistent in using the method of choice after every game; AND, do NOT touch your face.

**Do I have to wear gloves?** For some, a glove will reduce the tendency to touch their face which is how the virus can enter your body. On the flip side, a glove can get contaminated with the virus and disinfecting it is not as easy as washing your hands. YOUR choice

**Can I play with any of the other people on my court?** IF we are playing partner play, you will remain with your partner for the full 2 hours. A normal RR means you are changing partners after each game.

- Recall from the May 15 Update & Notices to Members READ KNOW the RISKS: <https://www.erinbromage.com/post/the-risks-know-them-avoid-them>
- 6 feet from each other is your goal as often as possible

**What if I'm not comfortable with any of this?** Do not fret. Just continue playing with those who you have been playing with 'outside' of these organized play times. Everyone has different circumstances, physical concerns and risk tolerances that we need to be mindful of. Assess your Risk and Stay SAFE!

**WARNING!!** Any member that has blatant disregard to the COVID protocols risks a possible shut down of the facility for all. The park that we meet at is controlled by the City of Salmon Arm, do not give the City a reason to feel that people are being careless or not mindful of others

Please consider the possible impact of your decisions on others.