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Renforth Racquet Club COVID-19 Operational Plan

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Renforth Racquet Club (RRC) is committed to ensuring that all of its youth racquet sport activities are provided in a manner that is safe, appropriate, and in full compliance with the COVID-19 guidelines provided by the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture, Sport and Recreation Branch of the Government of New Brunswick (GNB). The COVID-19 Operational Plan described herein is intended to allow RRC registered players the opportunity to play badminton during the Spring of 2021 while adhering to all applicable COVID-19 prevention measures.

The RRC will perform an internal review of this operational plan on a monthly basis at a minimum, with immediate review being triggered by (i) a change to the COVID-19 response level of New Brunswick's Zone 2 (the region that includes the entire catchment area of the RRC), or (ii) any changes to the GNB's official COVID-19 response guidelines that may affect youth sports.

2. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

The RRC intends to offer a series of recreational badminton sessions for school aged children aged 8 and up during the Spring of 2021. Sessions will consist of (i) beginner and intermediate level instruction (as appropriate to the skill level of the participants), including game rules, basic shot form, different shot types, court positioning, and strategy, and (ii) recreational games. Badminton is a sport whose participants are naturally well spaced, and proper socially distancing will be enforced by maintaining separation during drills and limiting the number of players to two per half court when playing games. Sessions will capped at a

maximum of 20 pre-registered participants from the Kennebecasis Valley catchment area (as determined by registration address) to ensure that proper distancing is achieved and that the number of total people in the facility (including parents/guardians and instructors) remains comfortably below 50.

3. FACILITIES

The RRC aims to offer the Spring 2021 sessions at a local elementary school such as Kennebecasis Park Elementary School (<https://secure1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-S/1931/Pages/default.aspx>). A clear entry and exit plan including a school map will be supplied to all participants to minimize congestion before and after the sessions, social distancing will be maintained during these times. Please refer to Section 5 for details on the screening and sign-in process that will be mandatory for all participants entering the building.

4. EQUIPMENT

Badminton nets will be supplied in coordination with the school, and a representative of the RRC will be responsible for setting them up and taking them down. Should loaner racquets be offered by the school, they will be assigned individually to players without sharing for the session, and they will be sanitized with a COVID-19 approved disinfectant spray product before and after the sessions. Badminton shuttlecocks will be supplied by the RRC for each session, and will be stored without further contact between weekly sessions (minimum of 5 days) to eliminate the chance of viable COVID-19 between sessions.

Participants will be asked to bring a racquet (if owned), appropriate athletic shoes, and a well labeled full water bottle, and will be instructed to wear a mask before and after badminton activities (see Section 5).

5. GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPANTS

5.1. Prior to the session

Each participant will be asked to register through the RRC website, where his/her age will be confirmed and his/her home address will be used to ensure that he/she is a resident of New Brunswick's Zone 2 and within the Kennebecasis Valley catchment area.

Within the 8 hours preceding the start time of each session, participants and accompanying parents/guardians (see Section 5.2) will be asked to perform a COVID-19 screening according to the current GNB guidelines: https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/h-s/pdf/COVID-19_screeningEN.pdf. Those who do not pass the screening will be asked to stay home for the current session.

5.2. Session screening and sign-in

Each participant may be accompanied to the session by a maximum of one parent or guardian (for children under the age of ten, an accompanying parent/guardian will be mandatory). All participants and accompanying parents/guardians who have passed the screening preceding the sessions will be asked to do the following:

- Arrive within a designated 15 minute window prior to the session start time.
- Enter the building wearing a COVID-19 appropriate face mask.
- Enter the building at the designated entrance (previously provided to RRC families).
- Maintain 2 m of separation from others when queuing for sign-ins (if applicable).

- Complete a session-specific self-screening by a RRC representative and have their name and contact information recorded for potential future contact tracing. Note that sign-in records will be kept by the RRC for a minimum of 6 weeks following each session.
- Sanitize their hands with an COVID-19 appropriate hand sanitizer and enter the gym space.

5.3. During the session

- Parents/guardians:
 - Seat themselves at a spot along the perimeter gym wall a minimum of 2 m away from (i) other parents/guardians and (ii) the playing courts.
 - Continue to wear face masks for the duration of the session.
- Participants:
 - Place their personal belongings with their socially distanced parent/guardian or in a spot along the perimeter gym wall a minimum of 2 m away from others and others' belongings.
 - Remove mask when beginning badminton activities if desired.
 - Avoid unnecessary physical contact with other participants during badminton activities (e.g. high fives, fist bumps, etc.) and during water breaks.

5.4. After the session

At the end of the session's badminton activities, participants borrowing racquets will return them to a RRC representative for sanitization, and will don their masks promptly after exiting the court. Participants and their parents/guardians will sanitize their hands and maintain social distancing while exiting the building at the designated exit.