

The background is a vibrant red color. It is decorated with various white and dark red geometric shapes, including rectangles, circles, and stylized 'T' or 'L' shapes, scattered across the surface. There are also two white maple leaves, one in the upper left and one in the lower right, each with a dark red stem and a small circular detail on its surface.

**STAY  
COVID SAFE AT  
THE FISCHER  
JUNIOR NATIONALS**



Tennis Canada recognizes the importance of the Fischer Junior Nationals Championships for the junior players across Canada who have not competed nationally since 2019 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are making every effort to ensure the tournaments are delivered with the health and safety of all being our top priority.

Our team has put together the following information to help you stay up to date on the latest advice and regulations from the Governments of Canada, Ontario and Quebec, and Public Health, regarding staying COVID safe during your participation in the upcoming Fischer Junior Nationals

Please take the time to read this information as it has been designed to help keep you and our community safe. These regulations might seem strict to some of you, but these are the measures that we have decided upon based on best practices at other sporting events as well as guidance from various members of the medical community.

*Please note that the protocols outlined in this document are subject to change based on public and provincial health authority regulations.*

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## FULL VACCINATION REQUIREMENT

(U12, U14, U16, U18 EVENTS)

Anyone aged 13 or over who is planning to attend a Fischer Junior National event as a family member or friend, coach, official, tournament organizer, volunteer, Tennis Canada staff member, or spectator, **MUST** show proof that they were fully vaccinated at least 14 days prior to their first entry on site.

For ease of access to the venue it is preferable to complete the proof of vaccination form online before travelling to the event:

[Family member or friend, coach, official, tournament organizer, volunteer, spectator or Tennis Canada staff \(English\)](#)

[Membre de la famille ou ami, entraîneur, officiel, organisateur de tournoi, bénévole, spectateur ou personnel de Tennis Canada \(French\)](#)

Players in the U12, U16 and U18 events are not required to show proof of full vaccination.



## PLAYER FULL VACCINATION REQUIREMENT

(U14 EVENT ONLY)

As per the Quebec Government's vaccination passport regulations, all players 13 years and over must show proof that they were fully vaccinated at least 14 days prior to their first entrance to the tournament site and thus be eligible to compete.

If you reside in QC you can create your vaccination passport using the links below:

[CREATE YOUR VACCINATION PASSPORT \(English\)](#)

[CRÉEZ VOTRE PASSEPORT DE VACCINATION \(French\)](#)

For players who reside outside of QC, proof of full vaccination will be required in the form of a PDF, QR code, or vaccination card.

Please upload your QC vaccination passport (residents of QC), or your proof of full vaccination to the following tournament links prior to the tournament:

[PLAYER VACCINATION STATUS \(English\)](#)

[STATUT DE VACCINATION DU JOUEUR \(French\)](#)

Please be prepared to show the following at the entrance to the tournament venue daily:

1. QC vaccination passport (residents of QC) or proof of full vaccination (residents from outside QC).
2. Proof of identity with photo.

*\*Under 12 players who have qualified for the U14 Junior Nationals are eligible to compete in singles and doubles*

*\*\* As per the Ontario public health guidelines, players 13 and over are not required to show proof of vaccination at the U16 and U18 Junior Nationals.*

As a reference here are the links to the ON and QC Provincial Government COVID-19 regulations:

[Quebec](#)

[Ontario](#)

When travelling to the Junior Nationals, it is recommended to do so on your own and not share transport with other players or their families, to minimize the risk of becoming a close contact.

You must *not* go to the tournament venue if you have any of the COVID-19 symptoms listed on the government site related to your location. Instead, you must:

- Stay in your hotel room/accommodation
- Contact the Tournament Director immediately.
  - U12 & U14: Jacques Brunelle, (514)777-7078
  - U16: Andre Binet, (514)743-5623
  - U18: Marie Davies, (450)778-5388

If required, the tournament organisers will provide information on the nearest COVID-19 testing site.

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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The “Safe Environment” for the Fischer Junior Nationals will be active from the start of practice sessions at each event. Therefore, any persons who require access to areas of the site that are part of the event, from that date onwards, will need to adhere to the COVID-19 protocols in place.

Anyone refusing to comply with any of the protocols in place will be removed from the tournament site and refused entry for the remainder of the event.

To minimize large gatherings during the tournament several activities including the opening and closing ceremonies, player dinner, group photo and social events will not take place this year.

## DAILY HEALTH SCREENING

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Prior to coming on-site each day you will be required to complete a Daily Health Check online or at the tournament entrance.

If possible, please complete this health screening prior to leaving your residence or accommodation. Only upon completion of this Daily Health Check, confirmation of full vaccination (where applicable as outlined above), and proof of identity (if required), will you be allowed to physically enter the tournament site.

**ENGLISH:**

U12

U14

U16

U18

**FRENCH:**

U12

U14

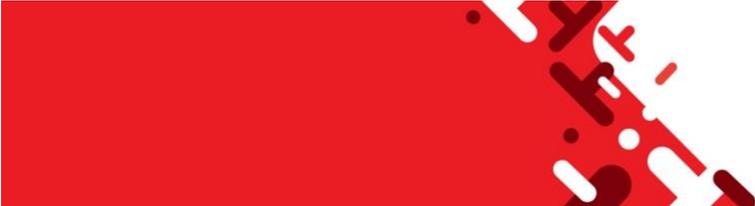
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## TESTING

If you experience COVID-19 symptoms, please notify the Tournament Director at your event by phone (numbers above). You will then be directed to the nearest testing facility.



## PHYSICAL DISTANCING

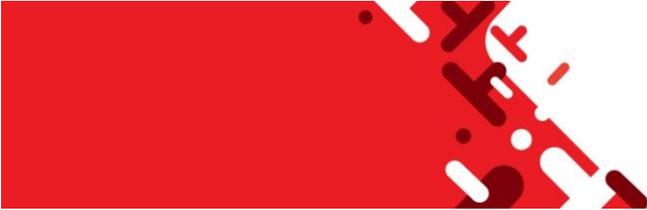
Every effort will be made to ensure physical distancing can be adhered to throughout the venue. All individuals who are part of the event's Safe Environment must make every effort to maintain a physical distance of 2 metres from each other.

It is recommended that all individuals who are part of the Safe Environment limit their contact with anyone outside of the event to essential people only. Before, during and after matches, movement around the tournament site should be limited as much as possible. Players and their support staff are requested to leave the venue shortly following their matches.



## POSITIVE CASE PROTOCOL

Any individual who tests positive for COVID-19 during the tournament period may be required to undergo mandatory quarantine **at their own expense**. These individuals will be assessed on a case-by-case basis with the provincial health authorities.

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## CONTACT TRACING

Individuals who are deemed to be a close contact of a person who tests positive may also be required to quarantine, as directed by the public health authorities.

Contact tracing will be conducted at each tournament, by signing in and out of the site, to ensure a comprehensive list of individuals on-site is maintained each day.

A close contact is generally defined as a person who:

- Had contact within 2 metres for longer than 15 minutes consecutively without a mask.
- Had high-risk contact, even if less than 15 minutes (e.g. kissing, coughing in the face).

Proximate contacts who have been in the same room for more than 1 hour should closely monitor their symptoms for the following 14 days.

In addition to the Fischer Junior Nationals contact tracing measures, everyone is recommended to download the COVID Alert app and always keep it active on their phone. These can be downloaded from the [Apple App](#) and [Google Play](#) stores.

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## FACE MASKS

All individuals will be required to wear face masks at **all times on-site**, other than during an exemption period.

The exemption period includes the following:

- Players during practice or competition except when leaving the court (e.g. bathroom break)
- Anyone when actively eating or drinking at a safe distance of 2m from another person.

Please bring your own medical masks to the tournament. Additional medical masks will be made available at key locations around the site. Masks should be replaced approximately every 4 hours or when soiled.

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## SANITIZER

All persons entering the sites are required to use the sanitizer provided at the entrance gate. Sanitizer will also be available at several areas around the sites and attendees are urged to use them on frequent occasions during their visit.

It is recommended that players wash or sanitize their hands before and after their matches

Other recommendations include:

- Washing hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoiding contact with face and eyes with unwashed hands.
- Avoiding common greetings such as handshakes and instead greeting with a wave or racquet touch.
- Avoiding contact with high frequency touch points.

## TRANSPORT

Anyone staying at a hotel or at their own personal residence/accommodation is encouraged to drive their own vehicle to the tournament site. Anyone part of the Safe Environment should avoid taking public transportation systems.

## BATHROOM FACILITIES

Toilets will be available on-site. No showers will be available.

## FOOD AND DRINK

Access to food and drinks on-site will be limited.

## GARBAGE

All trash must be placed in the recycling or garbage cans provided and not left around for other persons to manipulate.

# PLAYERS

## **PRACTICE COURTS**

Only confirmed reservations are allowed access to the practice courts. No more than 4 players per court at any one time. Personal coaches may be on the practice courts to supervise players but not as a hitting partner. Parents are not allowed on the court.

## **ARRIVAL ON-SITE**

Players must arrive at the venue shortly before the scheduled start of their match, in tennis attire, and leave the venue immediately after the match. If you have a second match later in the day you are required to leave the site and return shortly before that match.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

At the end of each match, players need to congratulate each other without physical contact (by touching racquets, for example).

## **BALLS**

Only balls identified with their court should be handled by the players. Balls from other courts should be returned without touching them with your hands.



# FAMILY MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND PERSONAL COACHES

## **NUMBER OF GUESTS**

A maximum limit of family members/friends or coaches permitted to accompany each player may be enforced, pending the club and Provincial health authority guidelines. This directive would be in place to avoid exceeding the maximum number of people allowed at a competition site.

## **SEATING**

Limited seating will be available for external spectators and may be designated by the tournament organisers.

## **ACCESSIBILITY**

If the total number of persons on-site has reached the maximum allowed by the provincial government, spectators may be refused entry.