

April 29, 2020

Barclay Downs Members:

We have good news to share! Mecklenburg County recently announced that its "Stay at Home Order" will end on Wednesday, April 29 and that we will transition into the State's less restrictive "Stay at Home Order."

This transition is significant for Barclay Downs Club because the tennis courts can begin to reopen both for play and teaching; tennis is an outdoor activity allowed through the [State of North Carolina Order](#). Consequently, the Barclay Downs Board has approved an initial plan for reopening the courts in conjunction with recommendations made by our Tennis Director, John Williams. We continue to follow all guidelines established by the State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County, and the CDC.

The following will be effective beginning Thursday, April 30:

Plan for Resuming Open Tennis Play

- Singles play is allowed. Each player will bring his or her own can of balls. Each person will mark their balls and serve only with their own ball. Each person will use his or her racquet to return balls to the opponent.
- Doubles play is permitted only for families who have been living together during the "Stay at Home Order."
- Open tennis play is designated for courts 5 and 6 first, and then court 3.

Plan for Resuming Teaching

- Private lessons and small group (1-3 people) teaching will resume.
- Members will not touch tennis balls. Each pro will have his own basket of balls that only he touches. Baskets will be labeled, and there will be no sharing. Lessons will not include serving, and all balls will be collected by the pro. Ball movement will occur by tennis racquet only.
- Sanitization and wiping down will occur after each lesson.
- Pros will teach on courts 1, 2, and 4.

Additional Things to Be Aware of at the Courts

- Social distancing must be maintained.
- The bathroom will remain locked during this phase.
- Gates will be left ajar so no touching will be necessary.
- Water coolers have been removed from the courts, so bring your own water.
- Benches have been removed from courts to prevent gathering.
- The ball machine will remain locked during this phase.
- Play is first come, first serve. If people are waiting for courts, please limit your play time to 45 minutes.
- During this time, if there is a teaching basket on a court, it means that the court is taken for member lessons.
- Children under the age of 12 should be accompanied by a parent.
- During this time, the tennis courts are for tennis play only and are not gathering spots.

We look forward to loosening these restrictions as we are able. For now, thank you for adhering to these rules, and we are excited to begin the reopening phase!

Pool Update

We know you are waiting on a pool update as well. While we are preparing diligently for the season, the pool unfortunately will remain closed until guidelines and time tables are established by the State of North Carolina and Mecklenburg County for opening. To date, there has not been any communication regarding the opening of swimming pools. We do not foresee the pool opening on May 16 as previously scheduled. The adult party will be rescheduled for the fall. Our swim team is a member of SouthPark Swim League and is waiting to see if we might be able to have a later swim team season depending on State and County guidelines. We certainly will keep you informed as we learn more.

These decisions are based on our responsibility to provide a safe and healthy environment for our members, while helping the greater community flatten the curve during this unprecedented time.

We encourage you to use common sense and adhere to protocols outlined by our public health officials, including resources provided by

the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) and [World Health Organization](#) (WHO).

We will continue to monitor the situation and reassess to be consistent with the State of North Carolina.

Thank you for your understanding. Please be safe, and we can't wait to see you on the courts again soon.

John Williams, Tennis Director
[Barclay Downs Board of Directors](#)