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Dear Rustic Participant,

We hope this finds you and your family safe and well. We know it has been an uncertain and difficult time for many. As we slowly begin to re-open parks, facilities and programs we are looking to enter a soft reopening of Ramapo Tennis at Rustic Brook.

We believe that Tennis is the perfect safe option to get fit and have FUN! We are happy to open up the club and welcome back our members on 6/8/2020. Below you will find our guidelines for operation to follow while playing tennis during Covid-19 at the facility as we MUST be sure that everyone is as SAFE as we can help players to be. Please review prior to coming to the club so we are all on the same page.

- **Arrival and Exit**- The club entrance will be ONLY and ENTRY point , if someone is at the desk please wait 6ft apart until it is your turn. There will be a separate exit to leave the facility. Please follow all posted signs.
- **Payments/ID Cards**- all ID cards will be processed through the mail. Please return the attached form to get your card which will be mailed to you or left for you to pick up at the club. If we don't have your photo on file you will need to show ID. Associated daily fees listed on application.
- **Face Coverings** - Face coverings are no longer required while playing tennis. Face coverings are recommended for coming and going on club grounds when you are around other people.
- **Social Distancing** - Social distancing (6 ft) is still recommended at all times. All persons (who do not reside in the same household) should maintain at least six feet distance from each other at all times.
 - Play shall be limited to foursomes. Groups will be limited to 4 per court, until the social distancing and gatherings recommendations change.
- **Racquets** - Players will need to supply their own racquets. We will NOT be offering loaner or demo racquets at this time.
- **Spectators / Parents** - At this time we will NOT be allowing additional spectators at the club. Club usage will be limited to individuals playing or taking lessons only. Parents with children in lessons are allowed one adult to supervise during the lesson (social distancing applies). Parents with additional children, siblings and friends not participating in a lesson at the same time should remain at home or wait in the car with you. Players, parents, guests, and children will not be allowed to roam the facility.
- **Ball Safety** - Players are required to use Covid-19 Tennis Ball Etiquette. Here are a few guidelines to use while playing sets, matches, or hitting with friends.
 - Only instructors will be allowed to pick up balls and use the ball collector during private & group lessons.
 - If you are playing with your immediate family you may play as you have in the past.

- Warm-Ups or Hitting with friends: Do not pick up the tennis balls with your hands. Use your racquet or your shoe and racquet to scoop up the tennis balls, bounce the balls off your racquet and hit it to your opponent.
- Set or Match Play: Each player on the court needs to bring their own can of balls. When it is your turn to serve you will only use the 3 balls from your can. Other players on the court should not touch those tennis balls with their hands. They can roll, kick, or use their racquet to pass the tennis balls to the server. When your service game is over, then the next server gets the 3 balls from their can and is the only player that touches those 3 balls. Use this tennis ball rotation throughout the set or match.
- **Around the Club**
 - Arrive no more than 10 minutes before your reservation or lesson and depart immediately after play.
 - Congregating in the office or around the courts is not allowed. Benches, tables and chairs have been removed. Think of tennis as "Tennis & Go."
 - No outside food is allowed. Drinking fountains are not available. Clients may bring their own water. Please be respectful and place all trash in the trash cans.
- **Safety**
 - All players should wash hands before and after play with soap and water (20 seconds). If soap and water are not available, Please use hand sanitizer, we will provide and encourage players to bring and use their own hand sanitizer.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
 - No handshakes, high fives, fist pumps, chest bumps, huddles, group celebrations, etc.
 - Please try to use the restroom at home before you leave. We will allow 1 person in the restroom at a time, no lockers, no showers.
 - **Players, parents, & guests feeling ill should NOT come to the club. All players (adults and children) should stay home when sick. If you are sick or a family member is sick, DO NOT COME TO THE CLUB. (It only takes 1 person)**
 - If a client shows up with symptoms, the staff will politely ask them to leave.

We want this to be a fun and safe environment for our staff and guests and look forward to the restrictions changing as we move forward but must adhere to them until further notice if we are to remain open. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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