**USTA Louisiana Guidelines for Junior Tournaments**

* The host organization must comply with local health guidelines for the administration of youth sporting events.
	+ The host organization may implement stricter guidelines than the local health department guidelines.
	+ The host organization must post guidelines on the tournament homepage.
* **Tournament Play**
	+ Tournaments will be limited to singles competition. No doubles.
	+ Tournaments should schedule matches using the following criteria:
		- Matches must use a scheduling interval with a minimum 2-hour match duration and 4-hour time between first match and second match start time.
		- Tournament site must have 6 courts per 32 draw or for every two 16 draws.
	+ Each match will be played with 2 cans of balls; one odd numbered and one even numbered for each player to use.
		- Players may mark their balls with a black or brown sharpie to better identify their balls.
		- Players should use their specific cans of balls during service games.
		- Players should take change sides on opposite sides of the court or be spaced 6 feet away from the net (creating 12 feet between players). Players should not have their bags/chairs between 2 courts.
		- Players should not touch the balls during the games their opponents are serving.
		- No handshake at the completion of the match.

**Player Recommendations**

* Follow state/local and facility guidelines for social distancing.
* Do not enter facility until 10 minutes prior to your match time.
* Please leave facility within 10 minutes of the completion of your match to help reduce gatherings.
* Eliminate the ‘handshake’ at the end of the match.
* Use headbands, hats and/or wristbands to avoid touching their faces while playing.
* If warmups are allowed at a facility
	+ Limit number of players on a court to 2
	+ Limit warm up to 30 minutes if others are waiting
* Do not touch your opponent’s tennis balls or the balls that may come from adjacent court.
* Come prepared with your own:
	+ Hand sanitizer
	+ Sharpie black or brown (this will be used to initial/mark your odd or even balls during your match)
	+ Water and ice
	+ Chair
	+ Umbrella for shade during changeovers:
		- If possible, players should take change overs breaks on opposite sides of the court. If this is not possible, chairs should be set at a minimum of 6 feet off the net creating 12 feet of distance. Players should not have their bags/chairs between 2 courts.
		- No shade structures should be occupied if players cannot be socially distanced.

**Spectator Recommendations**

* + - Follow state/local and facility guidelines for social distancing.
		- Do not enter facility until 10 minutes prior to your player’s scheduled match time.