



Recovery process for practicing tennis in Quebec

On May 13th, 2020, the Quebec Government announced the great news of a gradual return of sport, leisure and outdoor activities from **May 20th, 2020**. In order to ensure a practice that is both responsible and safe, all participants will need to adhere to the principles of social distancing and follow all other public health recommendations. This recovery plan will entail numerous phases and this document aims to explain the decision-making process by identifying the key stakeholders and their respective role.

Quebec Gouvernement and Public Health

In close collaboration with Public Health authorities, the Quebec Government dictates the conditions and restrictions for practicing tennis across the province, as currently applying within this initial phase of the recovery. While Tennis Québec plays an active advising role, it is crucial to understand that only governmental authorities have the power to issue the rules governing the practice of tennis.

Sport recovery committee

In order to assist with the decisions being made, the Government has appointed a sport recovery committee, composed of four subcommittees (financial and human resources, health, communications and long-term planning). Under the helm of Sports Québec, these committees are formed by representatives of sport federations, of the ministère de l'éducation et de l'enseignement supérieur, of the direction du sport et du loisir, of the direction de la sécurité dans le sport and other partners, notably municipal representatives. The role of this committee is to establish objectives for the short (3 months), mid (6 months to a year) and long term (1 to 3 years). With the gradual return of recreational tennis, the committee will continue its work in the coming weeks in order to offer a number of recommendations and a clear path leading to an incremental return to a more normal practice of the sport. Tennis Québec is represented on two of the four subcommittees, health and financial and human resources.

Tennis Québec

Tennis Québec has the mandate to present recommendations to the sport recovery committee and to the Government to help forge a clear path towards a gradual return to the game. In order to do so, we have formed internal committees to study the different facets of the recovery. Our federation is also responsible for sharing the Government decisions to all the stakeholders within the Quebec tennis world. It is important to stress that Tennis Québec cannot make any changes to the rules implemented by the Government.

Municipalities and local authorities

The municipalities and local authorities are responsible for the application of the recovery plan put in place by the Quebec Government. It is up to the local authorities to clearly disseminate and enforce the conditions for a responsible and safe practice of tennis in their facilities. Please note that some municipalities and public and private clubs could opt to implement stricter conditions for the practice of tennis than the ones announced by the Government. Accordingly, Tennis Québec would like to remind all the tennis players in the province that it is their responsibility to know the rules and regulations that apply locally before heading to the courts to enjoy this wonderful sport.

Should you have any questions regarding the practice of tennis, Tennis Québec encourages you to first contact your local resources. We are fully aware that the current pandemic greatly disrupts our routines. We want to reiterate our commitment to your wellbeing and invite you to get in touch with us should you require any assistance with the local relaunch of the sport. You can send us your questions, suggestions or comments at the following email address: courrier@tennis.qc.ca.