

**From: Knoxville Table Tennis Club**

**Subject: Operational Guidelines for YWCA Phillis Wheatly Gym – Table Tennis during COVID -19 (Phase 2a Re-opening)**

**Schedule and other Phase 2a Information:**

- The club will play during the normal hours, i.e. every Tuesday and Thursday evening.
- This will open to every existing member and previously visited guest players.
- During this phase, the fee will be \$5.00 per visit or half of the full year membership starting on 7/1/2021 for \$120.

**Check-In:**

- **Anyone feeling sick or with cold or flu symptoms or loss of smell will be asked to leave. You should be considerate and not to come to the club the first place if you are feeling sick.**
- **Children under the age of 12 are not recommended to come at this time.**
- Everyone will be required **to sign the liability waiver** at the entrance with KTTC even if you have signed one in the past. Signing the waiver is not an option for entry to play.
- Everyone will be required to sign the sign-in form per YWCA and Knox county guideline.
- **Players should wear face covering while she/he is not playing. You may take it off while playing.**

**Court Setup and Playing System:**

- A maximum of five tables will be setup instead of eight like normal depending on the number of participants.
- There will be NO practice table setup during this time.
- Only single game will be played during this phase.
- One table will be designated as Challenge table where the winner can stay on the table until she/he is defeated.
- For all other tables, a single player will play two games in a roll, whether winning or losing the first game. Once two games are up, that player will leave the table and the next player waiting will step in and play. The only exception is the very first game where the winner will stay and the loser will leave the table.
- Each table should have a plastic box for anyone to put their paddle down to indicate that she/he is waiting on that table. No double waiting is allowed, i.e. no one should put two separate paddles in two boxes at any given time. The next player simply put her/his paddle down on top of the existing one. The one at the bottom is the next player to play for that table.
- In the case when participation rate is low, the player who wants to wait on a particular table can simply tell the existing players about her/his intention.

**Balls, Rackets, and Gameplay**

- Players need to **bring your own balls** with your name on it. You can choose to serve with your own ball only or play with just one ball. Per CDC's latest guideline, it is relatively safe to touch other player's ball. But this is the choice of the players and please ask your opponent for it.
- Due to the COVID – 19 Virus, "Loaner Rackets will not be available during this time". So bring your own paddle.
- Players will switch side as normal during this Phase.
- Each match is still best of 5 games.

- For any players who are not playing and waiting for your next match, please maintain social distancing across the gym and wear face covering.
- Please limit your pre-match warm up under 5 minutes, especially if there are many players who are waiting. Use your judgement for this.