



# TENNIS VRYSTAAT/FREE STATE/FREISTATA

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Dear Headmaster/Headmistress or Sport Manager

In these difficult times we are finding ourselves in, we as Free State Tennis would like to reach out to all schools to provide our support in regards to the safekeeping of all players, coaches and spectators.

As communicated by Tennis South Africa, players are still allowed to attend practice with a maximum of 4 players per court. It is still the choice of the school if they want to allow tennis practice to continue or not.

The most important fact is that all coaches need to adhere to TSA's Covid-19 protocols put in place. Please be aware that if a coach is appointed or nominated by a school to do some coaching of individual players or teams, it is the responsibility of the school to make sure that the coach comply with the TSA Covid-19 protocol.

Currently it is mandatory to have a Covid Coaching License, to be able to coach tennis in any way. This coaching license need to be renewed every month. All these applications go through the coaching department of Free State Tennis, which is handled by Pieter Swart ([pcswart2001@yahoo.com](mailto:pcswart2001@yahoo.com)). To be able to apply for the coaching license, the following requirements are needed.

- Valid First Aid Level 1 certificate;
- Valid Police Clearance (no new clearance needed for 2021);
- Online Registration on Sporty HQ;
- Active Team App profile;
- License fee payment (payment on Sporty);
- Minimum of 10 CPD points over a 1 year cycle;
- Covid license.

We as Tennis Free State would like to ask your support in this regard as we need to report back to TSA with a report of coaches not complying to any regulations.

Furthermore, Tennis Free State would like to ask that you consult with your tennis coach/coach's regarding their qualifications. It has come to our attention that some schools in the Free State are making use of coaches that are not correctly qualified to be able to coach at a school. This is very concerning as it is outlined in the coaches manual that certain qualified coaches may only coach certain stages of tennis players. We as Tennis Free State would again like to iterate the fact that it is the responsibility of the school to make sure that it's coaches are correctly qualified to be able to coach at a school or to coach some teams of the school.



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We would like to ask that you please have a look at the above mentioned requests as soon as possible. We need to compile a report on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August regarding all schools with non-qualified coaches. This report will be sent to TSA's coaching department, who will be handling any matters further.

We please ask all schools in the Free State to take our hands in complying with all rules and regulations regarding Covid-19 and the appointment of coaches.

For any more information regarding coaches and regulations, please see TSA's website and navigate to the coaches tab. Please find the link below.

<https://www.tennissa.co.za/>

We trust that we can build a strong relationship with each other and make tennis stronger in the Free State.

Thank you in advance for you cooperation.

Free State Tennis