



# Important NCTTA Championship COVID Regulations

The following regulations will apply to all players, coaches, and staff (collectively “Participants”) who will participate in the NCTTA Championships to be held from April 8-10, 2022 in Round Rock, TX.

1. NCTTA reserves the right to modify and adjust protocols in accordance with guidelines published by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at any time.
2. Participants will be required to present a negative PCR result for SARS-COV2, taken within 72 hours of first entry into the venue, as a condition of checking in at the Championships. Rapid antigen test results will not be accepted.
3. If you are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (i.e. having 2/2 or 1/1 vaccines approved by FDA for emergency use or for general use), you are strongly recommended to provide proof of vaccination as part of the registration process and to have such proof readily available at the Championships.
  - a. Current CDC guidelines provide that individuals not up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccinations should quarantine if exposed to COVID-19 ([https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html#anchor\\_1642600273484](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html#anchor_1642600273484)).
  - b. This will mean that individuals **not** up-to-date on vaccinations who have been exposed to a positive case **will be removed from the tournament, regardless of test results**, and should adhere to CDC guidelines: [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html#anchor\\_1642600273484](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html#anchor_1642600273484).
  - c. By contrast, individuals who **are** up-to-date on vaccinations and have been exposed to a positive case **may continue participation in the tournament provided they have a negative test result**.
4. Team captains and individuals participating in the Singles or Doubles events who are not part of a team should submit a COVID response plan that accounts for (at minimum):
  - a. Lodging considerations (e.g. extending/modifying hotel reservation)
  - b. Travel considerations (e.g. rebooking flights)
  - c. Note that NCTTA will not be able to provide financial assistance to subsidize any costs; the tournament hotel may not have availability to accommodate additional rooms, so it is strongly recommended that Participants explore other neighboring hotels as options for isolation if needed.
5. Participants are strongly encouraged to wear masks while in the venue or other enclosed spaces where physical distancing is not possible. Masks should be worn correctly (i.e. covering nose and mouth). This is subject to change to *masks required* if the CDC updates its guidelines or if COVID-19 Community Level in Williamson County (where Round Rock is located) is updated to “High” as per the CDC (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>).
  - a. KN-95 and/or N-95 masks are strongly recommended and will be available at the venue free of charge.
  - b. Please adhere to [CDC guidelines regarding face coverings](#).
6. Physical distancing is required among people not on the same team.
7. Players/coaches should **not** take it upon themselves to address violations of COVID-related protocols or possible health concerns; complaints should be directed to NCTTA’s COVID team only. The COVID team reserves the right to evaluate each situation and make decisions on a case-by-case basis. Only the NCTTA



COVID team has the authority to take disciplinary action. Individuals demonstrating a pattern of violations and/or dangerous behavior will be defaulted.

8. Players will be subject to COVID-19 testing **at any time** as requested by NCTTA staff; failure to submit to testing will bar individuals and their teams from entry into the venue until individuals or a representative of their teams test negative.
  - a. Tests will be administered at the venue by a medical professional.
  - b. NCTTA will take every measure to keep results and other protected health information confidential.
  - c. If an individual test positive, s/he will be immediately removed from the tournament and must [isolate according to CDC guidelines](#). His/her teammates and coaches will also be tested, subject to default. Anyone else testing positive will be removed from the tournament.
  - d. As noted in #3, individuals who are exposed to a positive COVID-19 case who are not up-to-date on vaccinations will be removed from the tournament, regardless of test result. Individuals who are exposed to a positive case who are up-to-date on vaccinations may continue participation with a negative test.
9. As a one-time accommodation for the 2022 Championships, the minimum number of players required in a team tie will be reduced to three players.
  - a. If a team is only competing with three players, the fourth singles will be a default loss. The doubles match will still be played (if necessary).