

COVID-19 EASING OF LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS



Dear members, players, guests etc.

It is with great pleasure that we can invite you back to play your sport at ATF.

Officially, we could start on Monday the 4th but due to the restrictions, we have to work under, it will take us a day to set-up the club and courts in a safe and orderly way, so you can feel comfortable and secure coming here to play. Therefore, we will open the doors Tuesday the 5th of May at 10:00am.

The restrictions, under which we initially have to operate, are covered in no less than 44 points! I will here give you the main points, for you to be prepared:

- 1) If you have had COVID-19 or been with a person who had, within the last 14 days, you are not allowed to play. Should you suddenly start feeling ill with the various COVID-19 symptoms, we now know so well, please stay home until you have an “all clear” – please do not chance it for the sake of other’s health.
- 2) If you are above 70/74 years of age and/or have other serious health conditions, you are recommended not to play and stay home
- 3) We are allowed to play singles and doubles and conduct lessons with up to 4 players per court (3 players per court for Padel). Maximum 2 players on each side of the net. Avoid changes of partners as much as possible.
- 4) You have to play with your own balls and equipment,- the club is not allowed to rent out any balls, rackets, padel bats etc.
- 5) You have to keep a social distance of min. 2 meters – recommended to wear gloves and mask, but during play you can take off the mask. Gloves recommended to play with at least on the non-racket hand for ball handling (tennis) and at all times in Padel due to the touching of walls and glass panels.
- 6) When working with a coach, ONLY the coach will pick up the balls. When playing amongst yourselves, you should wear a glove on at least your non-racket hand OR play with individual cans of balls and only pick up your own balls. It is important that contamination cannot happen through the balls.
- 7) There will be no chairs, benches, equipment etc. on the courts for safety reasons. Therefore place your bag in a corner of the court away from other bags.

8) The doors to the courts have to remain OPEN, so no one will have to place a hand on the door to open/close it

9) Generally, individuals and coaches should play with less and new/fresh balls than normal.

10) Please, book your court times, lessons and hitting sessions in advance per phone or email. Do not just “show up”, please. For the members who enjoy Preferred Court Times (PCTs), please confirm your PCTs and/or request a new time. If you do not intend to use your PCT at present, also please let us know.

11) Children/Junior tennis will also start now but due to the still NO SCHOOL situation, junior tennis slots can also be adjusted/moved around

12) Toilets are not available unless in “emergency”, in which case key-access will be provided by staff on duty. Disinfect toilet-seats before and after usage, please.

13) The club house will initially be closed to the public but payments and service can be facilitated through “open windows”. Payments preferably per MB/credit card. Pls try to avoid cash. We hope to revert to more or less normal conditions very soon.

14) Take-aways are possible in limited fashion AND we will re-open the bar/restaurant on the 18th of May for normal service but with spread-out seating.

15) Be sensible and keep good distance to other players and people at all times.

16) Wash your hands in soap and use sterilizer as often as possible, in general. Bring your own mask, gloves and sterilizer, please. Also, please do not litter and bring with you your own waste such a wrappings, empty water bottles etc.

In this interim period, our opening hours have been revised as follows:

MON - FRI 10:00 - 20:00 | SAT 10:00 - 18:00 | SUN 10:00 - 16:00

Having gone through all of that, I wish you HAPPY TIMES and GREAT PLAY and thank you for hanging in there and for supporting ATF!

Looking forward to seeing you all again (I am the one with long hair, beard, mask and blue gloves)!

Best regards,

Soren & TEAM

Telephone Enquiry: +351 289 385 028

Email: sports@algarvetennisandfitness.com

Website: www.algarvetennisandfitness.com

Address: Corga da Zorra, Estrada Vale do Lobo, 8135-906 Almancil, Algarve, Portugal