

Press Release

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Wilton High School Track and Tom Fujitani Field at Memorial Stadium to re-open on limited basis. Route 7/Wilton High School Tennis Courts expand playing opportunities.

The Town of Wilton will be re-opening the Wilton High School Track and Tom Fujitani Field at Memorial Stadium on a limited basis effective, Saturday, May 16, 2020, subject to social distancing requirements and Town guidelines for responsible play.

With the limited re-opening, the following protocols are being implemented:

- The track and field will be available for Wilton family use only, not to exceed a total of five (5) people per designated area. Use is for family free play only. No team practices. No private lessons.
- The north and south side of the field will be available for use from the 40-yard line to the end of the field. No play is permitted between the north 40-yard line and the south 40-yard line. No goals will be provided or allowed.
- Residents may reserve the track or half of the field for a one-hour time period each day.
- Track and field use is by reservation only, no walk-ups. Reservations must be made online through the [Wilton Parks & Recreation website](http://WiltonParks&Recreation.com). Contact Gregg Zulkeski at kregg.zulkeski@wiltonct.org if you are unable to access the Parks & Recreation website. Online reservations must be made 24 hours in advance.
- All stadium stands and fitness area and all other Wilton fields remain closed to the public at this time.
- The Phase 1 protocol below provides for track and field use on a restricted basis and may be adjusted for changing circumstances and experience after opening.

The Town has released a detailed Phase 1 Protocol document for this limited track and field re-opening (see attached). Access to fields will be rolled out in phases, each with a specific and distinct protocol. The cooperation of those using the facilities is important to keep the community safe and to lay the groundwork for continued facility openings.

In addition, the Route 7/Wilton High School Tennis Courts will expand playing opportunities by now allowing singles (family and non-family play) and doubles (family play only). Players should consult the updated tennis court rules for play (see attached) and available on the [Town website](http://WiltonParks&Recreation.com) and at the tennis courts, for more information on playing non-family singles and family-only doubles.

For more information, please contact Steve Pierce, Director of Parks and Recreation, at (203) 834-6234 or steve.pierce@wiltonct.org.

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We are pleased to announce the Town of Wilton will be re-opening the Wilton High School Track and Tom Fujitani Field at Memorial Stadium on a limited basis, effective May 16, 2020. Track and field use will be strictly subject to all social distancing requirements and Town guidelines for responsible play.

The track and field will be available for Wilton family use only, not to exceed a total of five (5) people per designated area. The north and south side of the field will be available for use from the 40-yard line to the end of the field. No play is permitted between the north 40-yard line and the south 40-yard line. **No goals will be provided or allowed.** Residents may reserve the track or half of the field for a one-hour time period each day.

Use is for family free play only. No team practices. No private lessons.

The track and field use are by online reservation only, 7-days a week from 9:30 am – 4:45 pm. The Phase 1 protocol below provides for track and field use on a restricted basis and may be adjusted for changing circumstances and experience after opening.

All other fields in Wilton remain closed to the public at this time.

Access to additional facilities will continue to be rolled out in the coming weeks, each with a specific and distinct protocol. The cooperation and adherence to the town's usage requirements by residents is important to keep our community safe and to allow for continued field openings. Through the phased opening of our town's facilities, we hope to enhance family recreational outlets on a limited basis until we are permitted by the governing bodies to resume normal use of all amenities.

All Memorial Stadium stands and the fitness area are closed for use. No access whatsoever is permitted.

Thank you in advance for your support and understanding. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Pierce at steve.pierce@wiltonct.org



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Phase 1 Track and Field Usage Protocol

- Prior to playing, please read all the information here, which will also be available for review at the Wilton High School Track and Tom Fujitani Field
- The track and field during Phase 1 is restricted to Wilton residents only. No guests allowed.
- Do not play if you have:
 - Any symptoms of the Coronavirus (mild to severe respiratory illness with fever, cough, and difficulty breathing or other symptoms identified by the CDC).
 - Been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
 - Not been compliant with social distancing requirements in the past 14 days.
 - Are a vulnerable individual. A vulnerable individual is an elderly individual and/or an individual with serious underlying health conditions.
- Track and field use is by reservation ONLY, no walk-ups. Reservations must be made online through the [Wilton Parks & Recreation website](#). Contact Kregg Zulkowski at kregg.zulkowski@wiltonct.org if you are unable to access the Parks & Recreation website.
 - Track and field reservations are for one hour. There will be a 15-minute interval between each assigned track and field timeslot. Please arrive on time and leave the track and field promptly.
 - Online reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance
- Play is limited only to Wilton residents and only to the following formats:
 - Track and field use is for Wilton families only. One family per one designated area.
 - No more than five (5) people may be in a designated area at any one time
 - No team practices or play.
 - Children under 12 years old must be accompanied by a parent.
 - No bicycles or scooters are permitted on the track and field.
 - No pets are allowed at the facility.
 - No private lessons by non-family members.
- Address all questions or concerns with the on-site field monitor.
- Entry to the track and field will be on the **north side** of the visitor's bleachers only (near the flagpole).



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- The field monitors will manage all entrancing and exiting by families to ensure proper social distancing from others. Please wait for the monitor's instructions prior to entering or exiting the track and field.
- Noncompliance with the rules will result in immediate removal from the track and field and the loss of the ability to sign up for future track and field time.

Additional Safety Measures

Preparing to Play

- Players should not share equipment or personal belongings, such as balls, sticks, protective gear, water bottles, etc.
- Players must bring their own water. The water fountain will not be available for use.
- Players must bring their own hand sanitizer.
- Bathroom facilities at the stadium will not be open.
- No food of any kind should be consumed on or around the track and field.
- If you need to sneeze or cough, do so into a tissue or upper sleeve.
- Arrive as close to your track or field reservation time as possible and park away from other vehicles in the parking lot. Do not stop to talk to others or hang out in the parking lot (even if in your car) before your session.
- Do not cross through other fields (softball field, baseball field, etc.) to get from your car to the north entrance of the track and field.
- Do not touch any gates, fences, etc.
- No bicycles or scooters are permitted on the track and field.
- No pets are permitted at the facility.

When Playing

- Always keep social distance from others and stay in your assigned area of the field or on the track.
- If a ball or other object goes out of your designated area, make sure no one using the other space is in the area of your object before you retrieve it. Return immediately to your designated area.



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- Do not use any other part of the facility other than that assigned to your family.
- All questions, issues and/or concerns should be directed to the on-site field monitor only.

After Playing

- After play is over, take all personal belongings, balls, equipment, water bottles, and any trash away with you.
- Please leave track and field promptly. Do not cross through other fields (softball field, baseball field, etc.) to get to your car.
- No socializing outside the track and field or in the parking lot (even if in your car).
- Wash hands or use hand sanitizer after play.
- **The track and fields will be closed and locked every day at 4:45 pm, at which time the facility is considered closed and all municipal rules governing closed facilities during this pandemic take effect.**
- Noncompliance with the rules will result in the loss of the ability to sign up for future track and field time.



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UPDATED AS OF MAY 15, 2020

We are pleased to announce the Town of Wilton has re-opened the Wilton High School/Route 7 tennis courts on a limited basis subject to social distancing requirements and USTA guidelines for safe play. Select courts will now be available for singles (family or non-family) or doubles (family only) play and by reservation only, 7 days a week from 9:30 am – 4:45 pm. Please see the guidelines for singles (family or non-family) and doubles play (family only) below.

The Phase 1 protocol below introduces tennis on a restricted basis and may be adjusted for changing circumstances and experience after opening. Access to courts will be rolled out in phases, each with a specific and distinct protocol. The cooperation of those using the facilities is important to keep the community safe and to lay the groundwork for continued facility openings. By phasing in use of recreation facilities, we hope to enhance family recreational opportunities on a limited basis until we are permitted to resume normal use of these amenities.

We appreciate your understanding during this challenging time. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Pierce at steve.pierce@wiltonct.org

Summary of Phase 1 Protocol

- Prior to playing, please read all of the information here, which will also be available for review at the tennis courts.
- Tennis court use during Phase 1 is restricted to Wilton residents only. No guests allowed.
- Do not play if you have:
 - Any symptoms of the Coronavirus (mild to severe respiratory illness with fever, cough, and difficulty breathing or other symptoms identified by the CDC).
 - Been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
 - Not been compliant with social distancing requirements in the past 14 days.
 - Are a vulnerable individual. A vulnerable individual is an elderly individual and/or an individual with serious underlying health conditions.

- Court use is by reservation ONLY, no walk ups. Reservations must be made online through the [Wilton Parks & Recreation website](http://www.wiltonparksandrec.org). Contact Gregg Zulkeski at kregg.zulkeski@wiltonct.org if you are unable to access the Parks & Recreation website.
 - Court reservations are for 1 hour. There will be a 15 minute interval between each available court time. Please arrive and leave courts promptly.
 - Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance.
- Play is limited only to Wilton residents and only to the following formats:
 - Singles, family or non-family.
 - Doubles, family only.
 - Children under 12 may play with a parent on court; no non-playing children are allowed on court.
- Address any questions or concerns to the on-site court monitor.
- Noncompliance with the rules will result in removal from the court and the loss of the ability to sign up for additional court time.

Additional Safety Measures

Preparing to Play

- Players should bring a new can of balls.
- Players should clean and wipe down all equipment, including racquets and water bottles. Players should not share equipment such as racquets, tennis balls, grips, hats and towels.
- Players must bring their own water. The water fountain will not be available for use.
- No food of any kind should be consumed on/around courts.
- If you need to sneeze or cough do so into a tissue or upper sleeve.
- Arrive as close to court reservation time as possible and park away from other vehicles.
- Do not touch court gates, fences, etc.

When Playing

- Keep social distance from others on the court – at least six feet apart.
- Nets, fences, and net posts should not be touched.
- Use a racquet/foot to pick up balls. Avoid using hands to pick up balls.
- No changing sides of the court – players must remain on same side as started throughout the entire court time.
- If a ball from another court comes to you, use your racquet head or feet to advance the ball to the other side of the court.



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When Playing Family Doubles Play

- Doubles Play is for Families Only.
- Try to stay at least six feet apart from other players. Do not make physical contact with them (such as shaking hands or a high five).
- You should consider not playing doubles, which could lead to incidental contact and unwanted proximity. If you do play doubles, avoid all incidental contact.
- NO Bryan Brothers chest bumps and NO whispering to each other from a close distance to strategize.
- Avoid touching your face after handling a ball, racquet or other equipment. Wash your hands promptly if you have touched your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Remain apart from other players when taking a break.

When Playing Non-Family Singles Play

Although unlikely, it's possible that a tennis ball can transmit the COVID-19 virus, as virtually any hard surface can transmit the disease. So here are extra precautions that you can take to keep safe when playing tennis:

- Open two cans of tennis balls that do not share the same number on the ball.
- Take one set of numbered balls, and have your playing partner take a set of balls from the other can.
- Proceed with play, making sure to pick up your set of numbered balls only.
- Should a ball with the other number wind up on your side of the court, do not touch the ball with your hands. Use your racquet head or feet to advance the ball to the other side of the court.

After Playing

- After play is over, take all personal items, balls, and trash away with you.
- Please leave courts promptly.
- No socializing outside the courts.
- Wash hands or use hand sanitizer after play.
- The tennis courts will be closed and locked every day at 4:45 pm, at which time the courts are considered closed and all municipal rules governing closed facilities during this pandemic take effect.