

Feb 2nd 2021 Town Hall 2:30pm:

Hosts in attendance: Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation (SPAR) Branch at the Ministry of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women: John Barber and Kerry McAndrews. Public Health, Covid-19 Emergency Operations Centre: Susan Nolt and Damien Traverse

Questions from The Tennis Academy:

Karen Spiers (You) 02:34 PM

- Tennis is a sport with natural physical distancing. Our indoor courts allow a playing area of 3600 ft² of playing area per player for singles (per court) and up to 1800 ft² per player for doubles. This is significantly greater than most other sports, would it not be fair to request that Tennis be looked at through a different lens than other sports and rec activities?

Karen Spiers (You) 02:33 PM

- An air supported dome such as ours, at The Tennis Academy, has 80-100 times more cubic feet of air than a typical school classroom. Because air is constantly escaping the bubble, it needs to be replaced at a very high rate. This circulation of air creates an environment that is almost identical to being outside. Wouldn't it be reasonable to consider activity within the bubble to be the same as outdoor activity?

Karen Spiers (You) 02:59 PM

- Why is GoA strict with sports and rec while allowing shopping/congregating in malls. In many instances I have seen 15 or 20 people shopping in a space that is the size of a tennis court yet you are restricting 2 people from participating in a healthy game of tennis within the same surface area.

Questions from or related to our tennis community:

- Please address one-one-one court sports. pickleball, tennis, badminton. Eg. What's the difference between instruction and a student and 2 people from the same household?

Ryan Schroffel 02:30 PM

- The new restrictions allow for one on one lessons however what about one on one tennis singles play? Participants are the same distance apart as a lesson being roughly 78 feet making it the most distanced sport to play. Can this be looked into adding for step 1?

Danny Da Costa 02:47 PM

- Is there any consideration to allow group training to resume for high performance athletes and groups, where social distancing protocols can be maintained?
With specific focus on Canada Games, or players planning to compete at Canadian junior national competitions or international competitive trips.

Unfortunately, none of these questions made it to the panellists and so remain unanswered. [Click here](#) for video recording of the Town Hall.