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Players and Parents,

Because of the recent events regarding Coronavirus (Covid 19), and in regard for our Oklahoma Tennis Community, USTA Oklahoma has decided to cancel all sanctioned USTA Oklahoma junior tournaments this weekend, March 14-15, 2020, which include the L6 and L7 taking place at Indian Springs and the Smashers hosted by LaFortune Tennis Center. These tournaments will not be re-scheduled. We will issue refund checks to everyone, however please understand this will take a little time as we have close to 100 checks to send out. Thank you in advance your patience. Please see the attached press release from USTA Oklahoma. As always, please reach out to me with any questions you might have.

David Minihan, USPTA
USTA Oklahoma Executive Director

PRESS RELEASE
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In continuing to prioritize the health and safety of our players, we are taking this opportunity to update USTA players on our Oklahoma USTA plan regarding communicable diseases, including coronavirus (Covid-19).

At this time, the CDC is requiring a self-quarantine for individuals returning from China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea. Oklahoma residents who have traveled outside the United States in the last two weeks should review the information found here to determine the need to register with the Oklahoma Department of Health and Human Services for monitoring.

Additionally, there has been Oklahoma residents that has contracted the COVID-19 and has been in contact with several people in the community.

In light of the heightened concerns and the fast-changing environment surrounding the COVID-19 virus, we are receiving numerous inquiries from players (and their family members), contractors, and other people associated with our events, regarding the status of these events and tournaments. At all times, we must put the health and safety of all our constituents at the forefront of our decision-making. If you feel you have potentially have contracted or been exposed to COVID-19 or suffer flu-like symptoms, please do not play. For updated status of any events including Junior Team Tennis, Tournaments, Leagues or any other USTA event, please contact the following: District League Coordinator Michelle O'Quin at

oquin@ustaoklahoma.com. Any junior tournament questions related to COVID-19 may reach out to David Minihan at minihan@ustaoklahoma.com. We are sharing this information with an abundance of caution so that USTA members can stay safe. Public health officials have alerted us to this possibility as public health strategy. We will continue to monitor the situation and communicate pertinent updates. If necessary, we would implement temporary alternative schedules.

As a reminder, individuals can help protect themselves from COVID-19 and other respiratory infections by:

- *Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water aren't available, use an alcohol-based sanitizer.*
- *Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.*
- *Avoiding close contact with sick people and stay home if you are sick.*
- *Covering your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze before throwing the tissue in the trash.*
- *Cleaning disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces.*
- *Do not play if you are unwell.*

For additional information about COVID-19:

- *General Information from the CDC - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>*
- *Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>*
- *Oklahoma State Department of Health (COVID-19 Outbreak): <https://bit.ly/2vRWKRv>*

We are grateful to have open lines of communication between public health agencies, to ensure we are updated on the latest information and can plan in the best interest of our players. While there is a level of uncertainty with the timing and severity of the spread of COVID-19, please trust that we are fully engaged in our planning, monitoring, and response in consultation with public health officials.

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