

Township of Ocean Recreation plans to reopen the following facilities as of May 20 in addition to Joe Palaia Park and the tennis courts currently open for use:

Tennis: Doubles play is acceptable – practice social distancing guidelines.

Ball Fields – Fields for organized team practices will be available on a first-come permitted basis and will be available to Ocean Township resident teams/leagues/organizations only. The current Township Field/Facility Request procedures will be followed requiring a new detailed, completed request form and a current & ACTIVE certificate of liability insurance naming the Township of Ocean as additional insured. Use of Wanamassa Fireman's Field Softball and baseball fields will not be permitted at this time.

Teams must use common sense & caution when on the fields at all times with good, social distancing followed, non-contact drills or exercises only & NO GAME-SIMULATED SCRIMMAGING OR CONTACT DRILLS. Teams are responsible for keeping all equipment clean & sanitized before, during and after all use.

Practices ONLY and shall consist of a maximum of twenty five (25) total participants including players/coaches/instructors present at any one time at any one field.

NO CAMPS/CLINICS/LEAGUE GAMES

Parents/Guardians/Siblings must either remain in their vehicles or leave during the practice. NO SPECTATORS ON FIELDS, SIDELINES OR BLEACHERS.

No lingering at the field or parking area either before or after practice. There is likely to be another group arriving so we need to minimize unnecessary interactions.

Parks with multiple fields will have some fields open, some fields closed. Locations will be reduced to 50% field availability.

All trash, bottles, personal protection gear must be cleaned up and properly disposed of upon leaving the field.

Permits will be issued to Ocean Township resident groups/organizations only.

Fields will not be lined nor will any other field markings provided or allowed to discourage scrimmages and games. Grass will be cut and infields dragged.

Goals will not be set up, teams can provide their own pop up goals for use while at the field. Goals must be removed at the end of practice.

Basketball courts are open but for shoot around use only, NO GAMES. No reservations for basketball courts.

Failure to adhere to these guidelines may impact the continuation of continued use and the granting of future permits.

Ocean Township reserves the right to discontinue use and close all fields in the event of non-compliance or if deemed necessary by Municipal, County or State officials.

Township staff and Ocean Township Police will be observing use and enforcing strict social distancing and adherence to these regulations. If a group is found to be in non-compliance, they will be advised to modify or told to leave the field.