

PHYSICAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY CLASS TENNIS RISKS

SERIOUS, CATASTROPHIC, AND EVEN FATAL INJURY MAY RESULT FROM PARTICIPATION IN ANY SPORT OR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

The vast majority of participants in physical education and sport activity participate safely by following certain safety guidelines such as those described in this document.

Fitness and fun are common outcomes in physical activity, but there also is physiological stress on the participant. **IF YOU HAVE ANY PHYSICAL CONDITION WHICH LIMITS YOUR PARTICIPATION, CHECK WITH YOUR PHYSICIAN BEFORE BEGINNING THIS CLASS.**

All movement activities contain RISKS FOR THE PARTICIPANT INCLUDING, but not limited to: sprain, fracture, and/or ligament damage; falling or other contact resulting in brain damage; paralysis; even death.

SOME OTHER RISKS SPECIFIC TO, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, **TENNIS** AND SUGGESTIONS FOR REDUCING THESE RISKS ARE IDENTIFIED HERE:

Cardiovascular risk. Vigorous physical activity places stress on body systems, especially heart and lungs. Begin and continue vigorous activity by following guidelines suggested by the course instructor. If any symptoms of cardiovascular difficulty appear, stop activity immediately and seek appropriate help. Begin your program gradually and increase the work done only gradually.

Injury to head, trunk, and limbs may result from use of sport equipment, facilities, or from contact with another person. Use equipment and the facilities only in the way they are designed to be. Maintain a safe distance from others during all activity. Exhaustion or dehydration. Fatigue is common with vigorous activity. Take appropriate rest breaks and rehydrate as needed. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear for each activity. Be especially careful under hot conditions.

Overuse injuries from repetitious activity. Vary your activities and wear appropriate footwear.

Being struck by racquet or ball. Eye, head, or other injuries can result from being struck by the ball or from being struck by a racquet. Be aware of ball position and position of partner and opponent(s) at all times. Maintain a "ready" position throughout play.

Collision with other players, with fences, or surface of the court. It is important for each player to know where you and your partner are on the court. Avoid crowding and colliding with others; give players room to hit the ball, including room for follow-through. Be under control near fences or nets and under control to avoid falling.

Foot and leg injuries from sudden starts and stops. Proper warm-up and appropriate court shoes aid safe play. Do not wear running shoes for tennis.

Lightning, rain, snow or other hazardous weather conditions. If lightning arises or hazardous weather conditions occur, get into building or other nearby shelter, or into a depression. Stay away from trees. Keep equipment in the bag.

Other conditions and safety procedures. ADHERE TO ANY OTHER WARNINGS AND SAFE PARTICIPATION INSTRUCTION AS GIVEN BY THE INSTRUCTOR DURING THIS COURSE.

Do you have questions about safe play or risks associated with **tennis**? Ask the course instructor

NOTE: You must read, sign, and date the "Physical Education Assumption of Risk and Release" for this class and return it to your instructor to: Participate, attend, be given attendance points, and/or remain enrolled in this course.