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Subject: Review Access to AEDs & FAKs From GVR Tennis Courts (Updated)

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At the direction of the Tennis Board on 01/05/2023 I was asked to review access to Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and First Aid Kits (FAKs) following a major incident or accident on GVR Tennis Courts.

The review was carried out on 01/10/2023 and focused on the six GVR sites where tennis courts are located i.e. West Center, East Center, Las Campanas, Madera Vista, Desert Hills and Canoa Hills.

Assumptions that were made:

- a) Time is of the essence if a successful outcome is to be hoped for.
- b) The member seeking an AED or FAK may be in a state of agitation or even mild panic and therefore looks for signage.
- c) Tennis members may or may not have their GVR cards on them at the time of the incident (if playing on the courts most members would have their GVR cards either in or attached to their tennis bags).
- d) Unsure how many members would be competent in using an AED or FAK.

It should also be noted that Tennis members playing on courts may not be familiar with the layout of the nearest GVR Recreation Center.

Review of Tennis Courts on GVR Sites

A comprehensive review and report on the six GVR sites has been attached to this email. Although I have compiled a conclusion below, the report needs to be discussed at the next Tennis Board meeting in February to agree recommendations which I will then forward to GVR Management to consider as an urgent Health & Safety issue.

Conclusion of the Review

- 1. Signage to the nearest AED or FAK is sadly lacking at all tennis courts and GVR Recreation Centers.
- 2. In some cases access is dependent upon members having a GVR card to open locked gates (East Center, Las Campanas and Canoa Hills).
- 3. To reduce access time to AEDs and FAKs additional items need to be procured and located closer to tennis courts as follows:
 - a) East Tennis Center - An AED and small FAK is needed and located at the covered tennis sign-in area (wooden locker).
 - b) Desert Hills Tennis Courts - An AED and small FAK is needed and located in the DH Tennis Hut.
 - c) Canoa Hills Tennis Courts - An AED is needed and located adjacent to the existing small FAK (the Bocce courts could also be made aware of this location).
- 4. Members need reminding to carry their GVR cards and although outside of this review; consideration be given to First Aid and AED training.

Recommendations of the Tennis Board

As a result of the Tennis Board Meeting held on 02/02/2023, the following are the Tennis Clubs recommendations of the subject review which are considered urgent Health and Safety issues:

- 1) GVR Aid Station signage needs to be made more prominent so making them easier to identify from a distance.
- 2) GVR needs to review the need for directional and location signage to identify the nearest Aid Station (or AED/FAK) from tennis courts (this is also true of other GVR clubs that are remote from GVR Recreation Centers).
- 3) East Tennis Center - An AED and small FAK be located at the covered tennis sign-in area.
- 4) Desert Hills Tennis Courts - An AED be located in the DH Tennis Hut (a small FAK has already been located here).
- 5) Canoa Hills Tennis Courts - An AED is located adjacent to the existing small FAK (the Bocce courts could also make use of this equipment in an emergency).

The Tennis Club President (Tom Ransburg) stated that he will communicate with GVR Management to set up a meeting to discuss this review and the above recommendations.

Regards - Roger