

OPERATING RULES
Tennis



A. General Rules:

1. The tennis courts are used only for playing tennis.
2. Everyone must sign in upon entering the facility.
3. Proper tennis attire must be worn. Jogging or walking shoes that mark the courts or injure the surface are prohibited.
4. Prime time for tennis play is defined as play between the hours of 7:00 AM and 12:00 PM.
5. After 4:30 PM all of the lighted courts are governed by the rules for the reserved courts. Use the Tennis Clubhouse chalkboard to sign up.
6. Tennis Club tournaments and league matches must be scheduled and posted one week in advance and cannot be scheduled prior to 10:30 AM (some exceptions may apply) except the Tennis Club tournament in October of each year that may be scheduled anytime and use up to eight courts. Team practice sessions are prohibited during prime time and are limited to four courts.
7. Guests of residents may use one court only and the resident must be present.
8. Guests under 6 years of age are not permitted to use the facility.
9. Only 1 guest is permitted during prime time hours and up to 3 guests are permitted all other hours.
10. No pets are allowed at the tennis facility.

The Recreation Department reserved the right to review and adjust the operating rules to accommodate the needs of the community.

B. Rules Governing Use of Challenge Court (Court 1):

1. No more than five minutes are allowed for warm up prior to starting a set.
2. The flip-over cards must be used to show waiting players the score of the set in progress and it must be updated at each change-over.
3. Two names are required on the challenge court board for a legitimate challenge.
4. Two teams play one set. There is a tiebreak at 6-6.
5. Winners stay on the court and play the next waiting team.
6. If the same team wins again, both teams leave the court.

7. The next two teams take the court.
8. The losers may sign up at the end of the challenge list.
9. If no one is playing on the challenge court, four people may play one set, but must be aware that they could be challenged by another twosome signed up on the challenge board.

C. Rules Governing Use of the "Pick-Up" Courts (Courts 2 thru 4):

1. Players wishing to use courts 2, 3 or 4 may sign-up on the board located outside of the club house wall. The sign-up board consists of two areas, one for waiting players and one for players already occupying courts 2 thru 4. Before occupying one of those courts, erase your name from the waiting list and add it to the court you will occupy.
2. Court priority rules for courts 2 thru 4 are shown in Table 1, "Court Priority Rules". As shown in the table, courts 2, 3 and 4 may be used by 2, 3 or 4 players for one set if courts are available. A single player may also use courts 2, 3 or 4, but only if 2, 3 or 4 players do not want to play on it. If they do, and they sign up for the court, the one player must vacate the court, even if other courts are available.
3. The score tubes must be brought up to date at every cross-over so that waiting players are alerted to the nearing of a set's completion. Time to complete cross-overs may not exceed 2 minutes when other players are waiting to use the courts. Tie breakers are played at 6 games each and are played to seven points, but must be won by at least two points.
4. When one set is completed, an audible signal is given immediately (voice from court 2, horn from court 3 or 4) that can be heard from the club house area, and a minimum of two minutes allowed for the waiting players to acknowledge their availability and reach the court. If no players are waiting, another set may be played to completion.
5. Players may not dominate a court by starting another set when others are waiting and listed on the sign-up board, but rather must give the waiting players time to reach the court. Waiting players also must remain alert when a set is nearing completion.

D. Rules Governing Use of the Reserved Courts (Courts 5 thru 10) Prime Time:

1. Players signed up for play on the "pick-up" courts may not be signed up on the "reserved" courts.
2. Courts five through 10 may be reserved for 1.5 hours by signing up on the boards controlling these courts. On and off times cannot be changed, however play may continue until a new group of players claim the court. Sign-up times are based on the clocks on the courts, not on members' watches. No more than a five-minute variance is permitted for sign-up times and no variance is permitted for off time. Clock time does not commence until the court is playable (water and/or debris is removed).
3. During "prime time" doubles play has priority on courts five through eight. Singles play has priority on courts nine and 10.

4. If prior to the expiration time, one or more of the original players does not wish to continue play, a substitute may fill in for the balance of the reserved time.
5. One person can reserve one court for a group by entering four names on the waiting list. When the next open court becomes available, all players must be present at the tennis facility; otherwise that group forfeits its position to the next waiting group.

E. Rules Governing Court Eight, Nine, Ten and Ball Machine (Non-Prime Time)

1. Players practicing with the ball machine, using the backboard, or practicing serving must give way to doubles play during "prime time". With others waiting, practice with the ball machine is limited to 60 minutes. Ball machine users on court nine have priority during ball machine hours (after 11:00 AM daily).
2. Instruction is required in order to practice with the ball machine. Classes are held at 12:00 Noon the second Tuesday and fourth Friday of each month. Ball machine instruction takes precedence over all ball machine use and tennis play on court nine after 11:00 AM. Upon completion of the class you will be added to an approved list of ball machine users.
3. You must leave a valid picture ID when you pick up the key and remote at the Clubhouse 7 front desk. The resident's name must be on the list of those who took the ball machine class and are approved to use the ball machine.
4. Lessons may be given only with the Recreation Department's approval. Scheduled instructions by the Tennis Instructors are on a varied schedule. The Tennis Instructors will post the time of the lessons 48 hours in advance. Lessons may not be scheduled prior to 11:00 (Monday thru Saturday) and all day Sunday. Lessons may only be taught on courts 1 and 8.
5. Practice courts available on courts 9 and 10, after 11:00 AM daily. The ball machine is also available on courts 9 and 10.
6. Ball machine use is available after 11 AM, daily.

Table 1: Court Priority Rules

(Please remember to be courteous whenever possible)

A court is "available" if no one is signed up on the signup board for that court, even if someone is occupying it. To occupy an available court, players must have their names on the court signup board.	PRIME TIME (7am - noon)			NON-PRIME TIME		
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	2 thru 4	5 thru 8 ¹	9 thru 10	2 thru 4	5 thru 8 ¹	9 thru 10
Do doubles players have priority on the court waiting list over 1, 2 or 3 players?	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
Do ball machine users have priority on the court waiting list from 11 AM on?	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES
Must ball machine users sign up for courts 9 or 10 before getting the ball machine key?	N/A	N/A	YES	N/A	N/A	YES
Can doubles players take a court from 1, 2 or 3 signed in players if other courts are open?	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Do singles players have priority on the waiting list?	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
Can one player occupy an available court?	YES ²	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
Can 1, 2 or 3 players take over a court from doubles players who are signed in for the court?	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
How long can 2, 3 or 4 players occupy a court for which they are signed in?	1 SET	1.5 HR	1.5 HR	1 SET	1.5 HR	1.5 HR
If a group is not signed up on a court, may a group wanting the court take it over?	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

¹ Instructions provided by the club teaching professionals have court priorities on court 1 and court 8 all day Sunday and after 11:00 AM on other days. The club teaching professionals will post the lesson time 24 hours in advance.

² On courts 2-4, one player must give up the court if 2, 3 or 4 players want to use it, even if other courts are available.