

Rivermoore Park Tennis Rules
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GENERAL RULES

To assure maximum enjoyment and utilization of the Rivermoore Park Tennis Facility by all Members* (Residents) and their guests, the following Rules and Regulations will be observed at all times.

The Rivermoore Park Tennis Committee (RPTC) shall be responsible for the interpretation and enforcement of the tennis Rules and Regulations. The Committee will conduct periodic reviews of these rules to ensure they remain current. The Homeowners Association Board of Directors shall be the final authority regarding the Rules and Regulations.

Residents in good standing with all assessments paid in full to the Rivermoore Park Homeowners Association (HOA) are eligible to use the recreational facilities including the tennis courts.

Only Rivermoore Park league teams can utilize the courts for team practice, team coaching or team match play unless specifically approved by the Tennis Committee and the HOA Board.

Members and guest play at their own risk. Rivermoore Park is not responsible for any injuries to any person, participating or not. No loitering is allowed.

Courtesy, consideration and court etiquette should be observed at all times by the players, the player's guests and those awaiting play and spectators.

*As defined by the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Rivermoore Park

COURT TIMES AND RESERVATIONS

1. Tennis courts are available for use between 8:00 AM and 11:00 PM by Rivermoore Park residents (members) and invited guests only. Members must accompany guests at all times.
2. Reservations are required for all court use. Players desiring court time should reserve a court by signing up on the court reservation sheets posted on the bulletin board adjacent to the tennis bathroom. The sign-up sheets govern playing time and court use so even if the courts are empty you should put your name on the sign-up sheets.
3. Courts nine and ten will be kept available for resident play and not used for scheduling of team play, coaching or clinics.
4. Courts can be reserved 48 hours in advance. The exception to this rule is league play, matches, make-up matches and special functions approved by the Tennis Committee.
5. Court time and reservations are limited to 2 hours. A Member may reserve only one court at a time. Individual service practice is subject to a 30-minute limit when other players are waiting for a court.
6. Reserved courts will be held for 15 minutes after the starting time. If the Resident fails to utilize the court within 15 minutes, he/she is regarded as a "no show" and the reserved court will be open to the first Resident desiring a court.
7. A Resident having reserved court time and finding he/she cannot play should cancel the reservation to enable another Resident to utilize the court.

8. Players must promptly leave the court when their reserved time expires. Only when no other player is waiting may play continue beyond the 2-hour period of time. The same players cannot stay on the court for two consecutive time periods by signing up two different names on the reservation list.
9. When a Rivermoore Park team has practice time reserved, team members are not permitted to sign up for additional time during the practice timeframe. If courts are available following the practice timeframe, members may continue to play.
10. Tennis court lights may be turned on for evening play. Players using the court have the responsibility to turn the lights off upon completion of play. Light switches are located adjacent to each court entrance. Lights will automatically turn off at 11:00 PM.
11. Children, under the age of ten, must be accompanied by a parent or supervising adult when using the courts. Parents are fully responsible for the conduct of their children at all times.
12. Juniors may reserve court time and cannot be bumped by a walk-on adult at any time.
13. The Tennis Committee will block out playing time for league play, team practices and other special events. These times will be clearly marked on the sign-up sheets.

COURT RULES AND ETIQUETTE

1. Only tennis players are allowed on the courts.
2. Tennis courts are for tennis only. Roller blades, skates and skateboards are not allowed on the courts. Bicycles used for transportation to the courts shall be placed in the bike rack.
3. No animals, food, glassware, chewing gum, toys or chairs are allowed inside the court at any time.
4. Proper tennis shoes only with non-marking sole with no heels, cleats, or treads are permitted on the court. No jogging shoes, waffle bottom or black-soled shoes are allowed on courts.
5. Players shall be dressed in proper tennis attire, i.e., apparel sold as tennis attire and/or appropriate shorts and t-shirts. Shirts are to be worn at all times.
6. Courtesy is requested at all time. No one shall walk across or behind a court while a point is being played, or otherwise interrupt or unnecessarily disturb a match in progress.
7. Players shall refrain from loud, quarrelsome or profane language while on the courts or on the tennis grounds.
8. The throwing of racquets is prohibited.
9. Players are requested to use trash receptacles both on and off the court.
10. Players are responsible for the maintenance and cleaning up of the tennis courts and court trash containers. After completing play, each member is responsible for leaving the court in a tidy condition including the removal of drink cups brought onto the court, depositing tennis cans and lids and other trash in the trash bins, returning brooms and other equipment to their proper storage place. Players should also empty the court trash container into the larger courtside trash container.
11. If a player requires that a cellular telephone be on during a match, they should designate a person to keep and answer their telephone away from the courts.
12. Smoking or use of tobacco products while on the courts is prohibited.
13. Parents are responsible for their children's whereabouts and behavior and will be held accountable for their actions. Children are not allowed to accompany their parents on the tennis courts unless playing, nor should they be left unattended on the tennis or Clubhouse grounds. Climbing walls, post, and adjacent hillsides is not allowed. Games and toys should not be distracting to players.
14. Individual members will be held financially liable for any damage to the courts, court equipment/facility and landscaping incurred by themselves, their children or guests.
15. Inappropriate behavior, conduct or abuse of these Rules shall be reported to the Tennis Committee in writing.
16. Any Member disregarding these rules will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action and failure to follow these rules can lead to suspension of playing privileges.

TENNIS TEAMS - ALTA, USTA AND OTHER LEAGUE PLAY

Eligibility for League Play

1. Any household, in good standing with the Rivermoore Park HomeOwners Association, is eligible for play in a tennis league.

Forming a League Team

2. Anyone planning to form a new team is responsible for contacting the Tennis Committee Chairperson, or designated representative, for approval prior to submitting a roster to the League. The primary consideration in the RPTC's approval of a new team is the availability of courts.
3. It is required that any team seeking approval for league play, *follow the ALTA, USTA, T-1 (or any other league) team roster requirements (as stated in the general rules/regulations of the league) and have a minimum of 50% Rivermoore Park residents as team members.* This section 3 becomes effective January 1, 2007 for all teams. The Tennis Committee will review the return of each team, each season.
4. Eight teams per league, per season can be accommodated for play. For example, eight ALTA mixed teams can be accommodated for league play in one season. Courts 9 and 10 cannot be used for team match play, unless five teams are scheduled for home matches. Should the league schedule team play exceeding the number of available courts, the RPTC will determine who gets the available courts by drawing team names from a hat to determine who gets the available courts.
5. The Captain of each team must be a resident of Rivermoore Park.
6. Rivermoore Park residents, requesting to be on a league team, are to be placed on the roster in preference to any non-resident. Each team must make a good faith effort to locate players who reside in the neighborhood prior to adding a non-resident to their roster.
7. All non-resident league team members will pay a fee, per league season. The amount of the fee is established by the Rivermoore Park Board of Directors which will be reviewed annually. The current fee is \$25.00. The fee does not entitle a non-resident to use the courts for recreational play at any other time except as an escorted guest of a Member. The team Captain is responsible for the collection and delivery of this fee, to the designated representative, prior to the first match of the season.(FYI- Rosters are in weeks ahead of beginning season so fee by first match is reasonable) No exceptions to the non-resident fee assessment are permitted.

Team Handling and Maintenance

8. The existing team Captain is responsible for communicating the name and other pertinent details for the new Captain to the Tennis Committee Chairperson prior to the roster submission for the league's season.
9. The Tennis Committee will maintain a list of all teams, their levels, and the Captains. This information will be made available to any Member (Resident) seeking to join a team. It is the member's responsibility to voice their interest in joining a team directly to a captain.
10. It is the responsibility of each team Captain to notify the RPTC when they are looking for additional players. The Tennis Committee will provide the names of any known players, at or near the team's playing level that have expressed interest in joining a team. It is the Captain's responsibility to contact that resident regarding their interest in joining the team.
11. Should a team decide to disband, it is the Captain's responsibility to notify the Tennis Committee Chairperson.
12. Within one week following the official submission date of the ALTA/USTA roster, the team Captain must submit a copy of their roster to the RPTC for review noting those players that are non-residents. Upon submission of the roster, the captain must also submit any request for practice time,

including day of the week and time. With the receipt of each team's requested practice team, the RPTC will determine court availability and resolve any duplicate requests. An attempt will be made to comply with each captain's request with special attention to preserving a team's practice time from the prior season. Should a conflict exist it will be resolved by giving priority to the team first making the request. Should it not be possible to resolve the conflict in this manner, resolution will be determined by a random drawing. It is suggested that no team make a commitment to a coach until final confirmation of the assigned practice time from the RPTC.

13. Court reservations for make-up matches are handled in the same manner as normal court time reservations, except that the 48-hour rule is waived when making the court reservation. For make-up matches, reservations can be made for 2 hours instead of the normal 1 ½ hours. Once the match is started, it can be played to completion. If this exceeds the 2-hour limit, other residents signed up for the court must wait for the completion of the league match before starting play. When making a court reservation for a make-up match, the sign-up sheet must reflect that the reservation is for a make-up match thus serving as notice to other players of the possibility of extended play. The sign-up should note the team captain's name, league level and the individual reserving the court's name.
14. Teams are responsible for court maintenance and housekeeping of the area in and around the courts used for practice and match play. The court and surrounding viewing area must be left in a clean and tidy condition. It is the responsibility of each team to (a) empty the court trash containers into the larger trash unit, adjacent to the court, (b) return the table and chairs to their designated position, (c) remove all food and drinks items and containers from the area, (d) place all trash, empty cups, including spilled food in the courtside trash receptacle, and (e) turn off court lights.

Coaching and Practice Sessions

15. At any given time, team practices are limited to a maximum of eight courts, accommodating four teams.
16. Team practice time is allocated for one two-hour block of time on two adjacent courts. If during a practice session additional courts are available for play (i.e., not signed up or reserved), additional courts may be used for practice unless a "walk-up" resident arrives and signs up for added court. When this happens, the team practice players are "bumped off" the court in favor of the non-practice player(s).
17. Night practice times will be allotted first to those Men and Business Women Teams playing matches scheduled on the weekend. Teams playing weekday matches may request a night practice, however, that request will be honored only after filling all weekend teams practice requests.
18. Team practice assignments and reservations, will be announced and published by the RPTC, three weeks prior to the start of the season.
19. Assigned team practice time is limited to starting two weeks prior to the first scheduled match. If a team wants to start practice earlier, the team will be required to abide by the court reservation rules.
20. The RPTC reserves the right to refuse a coach the privilege to conduct team practices, coaching sessions or special events if not in good standing with the Rivermoore Park Homeowner's Association and Tennis Committee.