

SUMMIT TENNIS CLUB

GROUND RULES (UPDATED JAN 2025)

GENERAL

1. Ground Rules for the Summit Tennis Club are established by the Board of Trustees. They are reviewed annually and updated as appropriate. Member input is welcome.
2. Rules violations may be reported to any Board Member. Most issues can be resolved simply and amicably. However, serious or repeated violations may result in suspension of membership privileges.

BEHAVIOR AND DRESS CODE

1. Courteous and respectful behavior is expected of every member and guest.
2. Members are also expected to help to keep the grounds and clubhouse tidy and presentable.
3. To avoid trespassing, the Club should be accessed via the parking lot entrance, and players should never retrieve balls from adjacent properties.
4. Dogs or other pets are not permitted on Club property.
5. Players must dress in proper tennis attire and present themselves in a professional manner. Players (including guests) not properly attired will not have court privileges.
6. Shoes worn to play tennis must be designed and made for tennis. No running/cross-training shoes are permitted on the tennis courts.

USE OF COURTS

1. Seasonal opening and closing dates for the tennis courts will be determined by the Board and communicated to all members. The paddle courts may be used year-round.
2. Play begins each day at 8:00 am. The tennis courts may be used until dusk (with one hour set aside each day for watering). Paddle courts may be used until 10:30 pm.
3. Courts may be reserved for up to 90 minutes per session via the Court Scheduler. Members are allowed one reservation per day but are welcome to play longer if there are open courts.
4. Court reservations that will go unused should be canceled as a courtesy to other members. Repeated no-shows may result in disciplinary action.
5. The ball machine may be used on Court 5. The machine is kept in the storage bin behind the garage. The padlock combo is 171. Return the machine (and remote!) to the shed when done.
6. The tennis courts may not be used unless playable. Courts are not playable when there is a sheen on the court surface, when they are muddy, or when there are puddles.
7. Anyone using the tennis courts when they are not playable will be held responsible for any damage that occurs as a result.
8. Tennis players are responsible for sweeping their court and cleaning the lines after each use.

PRIORITY USE

1. Courts will be blocked at various times for priority use, including lessons, team matches and practices (adult and junior), and other sanctioned events like club socials.
2. Priority use requires Board approval. A schedule of priority use will be posted at the start of the season, and in-season adjustments will be made as needed.

3. The Board will seek a fair balance between priority and regular court use. To that end, no more than five tennis courts will be blocked for priority use at one time, so there will always be at least courts open for member reservations.
4. The teaching pro has priority use of Court 1 to give lessons. Members may use Court 1 as a walk-on any time it is not in use.

GUEST RULES

1. Members must register guests via the Court Scheduler before the start of play. There is a limit of three guests per court.
2. The same guest is permitted to play two times in any one calendar month. An exception may be made for out-of-town visitors.
3. Junior members may only have other juniors as guests. Juniors may not have guests after 5:00 pm or on weekends or holidays.
4. The guest fee is \$10.00. Members are asked to add a credit card to the website to cover guest fees.
5. Sustaining members do not have court privileges. They may play as guests by observing the Guest Rules.

TEAM GUIDELINES

1. Team captains shall be appointed by the Board Members that oversee league play.
2. Captains are responsible for each team's compliance with league rules and regulations, as well as those of the Club. This includes verification that all players are current Club members.
3. Prior to the commencement of the season, a communication shall be sent to all prospective players to solicit interest and to encourage broad participation in league play.
4. Each week during the season, captains will solicit player availability, select team lineups, and schedule matches with opposing captains.
5. Home matches shall be scheduled in compliance with the rules on Priority Use.

SPONSORING NEW MEMBERS

1. Application forms may be obtained from the website or the membership chairperson.
2. Two sponsors from different households are required for each application.
3. Applications should be returned to the membership chairperson. Applicants will be placed on the waiting list and sent a confirmation with the date that the application was processed.

PAYING CLUB DUES

1. Invoices will be mailed to members on approximately February 1st of each year.
2. Payment is due on or before March 1st. Failure to receive a bill is not an acceptable excuse for not paying fees on time.
3. Dues not paid by April 1st may result in the member being put on the sustaining list for the season. Subject to Board approval, they will be reinstated as an active member the following year provided the fees for both seasons are paid by the due date.