

FONTAINEBLEAU SWIM AND TENNIS CLUB

TENNIS COURT RULES

1. General Rules:

- a. Respect other players as they play or practice
- b. Courts are for the express purpose of playing or practicing tennis. Other uses of the courts must be requested and approved the Tennis Coordinator or a Board Member.
- c. No skates, skateboards, bikes or other riding toys will be permitted on the tennis courts.
- d. Courts are not to be used before 7:00 a.m. or after 11:00 p.m.
- e. Proper Tennis etiquette must be observed at all times:
 - i. Proper tennis shoes and tennis apparel must be worn while on the courts.
 - ii. Only players are allowed on the court. Those not playing tennis must remain outside the fence.
 - iii. Players should not interrupt play or distract players on the other court for any reason including the following:
 1. Retrieving balls during play of a game.
 2. Loud or continued talking or playing of music
 3. Entering or exiting the courts by walking behind other players.
- f. Members are responsible for paying the guest fee for their guests and must mark "Guest" by the members name on the sign up sheet. Guest fees are \$1.00 per 1 ½ hour sign up. Houseguests pay a weekly fee of \$1.50 per family. Guests must abide by all tennis rules. People from within the membership area of Fontainebleau as defined in the by-laws may be guests only one time per month.
- g. Any of these rules may be changed or modified by the Board of Directors.
- h. Use of Smoking and/or Tobacco Products must be in designated areas only.
- i. Do not attempt to adjust the net. Contact the Tennis Director if you suspect the net height or tension is not correct.
- j. If you are the last person to leave the courts at night, please
 - Turn off all lights
 - Ensure all tennis gates are locked and lock the main entrance gate (same key).

2. Formation of Tennis Teams:

- a. Any club member desiring to organize a tennis team to participate in ALTA competition, or USTA competition, or any organized league competition, and to use the FS&TC tennis courts for such competition, may do so under the following terms and conditions:
 - i. The organizer of such team must designate himself or herself as the captain of the team so organized, and shall be personally responsible to the FS&TC Board of Directors for the compliance of these terms and conditions, and shall see that each team member complies with the FS&TC Board of Directors for the compliance of these terms and conditions.
 - ii. Prior to organizing such a team, the organizer must notify each FS&TC member by publishing in the FS&TC newsletter and by posting on the club notice board at the tennis courts the following information:

1. That plans are being made to organize an ALTA or USTA team.
 2. The level of play for which application is being made.
 3. Deadline date for signing up as a team member.
 4. The name and contact information of the person to contact for registration.
- b. The organizer shall prepare a list of all FS&TC members who responded to the notice expressing a desire to play on the team being organized. The list should include the member's name, home telephone number, email address, and business and cell telephone numbers, if applicable. A copy of this list shall be forwarded to the FS&TC Tennis Director.
 - c. The team being organized shall then consist of the organizer (captain) and those FS&TC members who expressed a desire to play on the team. No FS&TC member desiring to be a member of the team being organized may be excluded from its roster.
 - d. If, after having given the FS&TC Membership an opportunity to sign up and practice on the ALTA or USTA team being organized, the organizer does not have a sufficient number of club members to field an ALTA or USTA team, the organizer may recruit non-club members residing outside the FST&C membership area. The number is not to exceed two (2) per team, and only to the extent necessary to complete a roster containing the following number of team members: Singles and Doubles – 10; All Doubles – 14. (By way of example, if the Men's All Doubles ALTA team has only twelve (12) club members, it may recruit two (2) non-club members so that its completed roster will have fourteen (14) members.) A team may not recruit more than two (2) non-club members and the addition of any non-club members must have the unanimous approval of the team and the Board of Directors.
 - e. A completed ALTA or USTA team roster for each team which is organized must be submitted to the FS&TC Tennis Director before the team will be permitted to reserve the FS&TC tennis courts for ALTA or USTA play or practice.
 - f. If it is necessary for the organizer to recruit non-club applicants in order to complete a roster, the completed roster must be approved by the FS&TC Board of Directors prior to it being submitted to ALTA or USTA.
 - g. The non-club ALTA or USTA team members shall be permitted to use the FS&TC tennis facilities only during its team events (team practice, team lessons and team play) and shall not otherwise be permitted access to the FS&TC tennis facilities except as is otherwise approved for in the FS&TC by-laws and Tennis Rules.
 - h. A non-club member must pay a fee of \$50.00 per season of play and league of play (i.e. Spring, Summer, etc. / ALTA, USTA, etc.)₂. This fee shall be charged to the team captain and shall be payable to the club by the team captain.
3. **Court Use by Member ALTA, USTA and/or other League Teams:**
- a. A complete ALTA, USTA or any other organized league roster must be submitted to the Tennis Director for each team which is organized to play on Fontainebleau courts before the team will be permitted to reserve the tennis courts for play or practices.
 - b. Fontainebleau will reserve 2 courts for each home ALTA, USTA, or any other organized league match. Requests for reservations for the courts for ALTA, USTA or other league practice or matches must be submitted to the Tennis Director.
 - c. Make-up matches (of rained-out home matches only) take precedence over any team's practice during the last week of the season. The Captain of a make-up match team must communicate their plans as far in advance as possible to the captain of the practice team and the Tennis Director.

4. Tennis Court Reservation Procedures:

- a. Sign up for the court use can be no more than forty eight (48) hours in advance; however, ALTA or USTA matches, ALTA or USTA practices, ALTA or USTA team lessons, FS&TC tournaments and ladder challenges matches must be signed up as soon as scheduled and cannot bump players already signed up.
- b. Players not signing up in advance must sign up before beginning play.
- c. If signed up players fail to show up within ten (10) minutes of their starting time, any member may sign up and play for the one and one-half (1 ½) hour time period.
- d. Players cannot sign up for more than one and one-half hour (1 ½) of court time in succession. ALTA or USTA matches, ALTA or USTA practices and club tournament matches may exceed this time limit.
- e. Advance sign up limitations:
 - Weekends and holidays, only adults (18 years and over) may sign up in advance.
 - Late afternoon on school days, only Juniors (grades 1-12) may sign up in advance. Juniors may sign up as early as 3:30 p.m. but must finish play by 6:30 p.m.
- f. If no one has signed up in advance both adults and juniors may sign up at the beginning of play and play for 1 ½ hours and cannot be bumped off for any reason (outside of rules violations). Anyone playing on a court who has not signed up to play may be bumped by any member who has signed up to play on that court.
- g. Pre-approved court reservations take precedence over individual or team use. (Contact the Tennis Director regarding Pre-approved court reservations).
- h. For individual members, pairs or foursomes:
 - Court 1 or 2 may be reserved for **ONE HOUR AND A HALF** using the reservations sheets at the courts. (Reservations cannot be made any further than 48 hours in advance unless approved by the Tennis Director.)
 - If reserving the courts for a lesson or lessons, do not exceed the **ONE AND A HALF HOUR (1 ½)** time limit (this includes families taking a series of lessons).

5. Court Maintenance and Clean-up:

- a. Periodic maintenance may be required for the courts. Such time frames for maintenance will be designated on the reservation sheet. Players are to refrain from being on the courts during the entire maintenance period designated including the time when no maintenance personnel are on the courts (this will allow the proper time for products like paint and caulk to dry or settle before play is resumed).
- b. Each member and/or Captain of each member team must clean up the tennis courts and surrounding court area after each league play, practice or lesson. A large garbage can is located near the courts. Empty all garbage cans on the courts into this large garbage can. For safety purposes make sure all tennis balls, tennis cans, and metal lids are disposed of properly after play.

Tennis Director

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