

IDLE HOUR TENNIS CLUB RULES (updated 2018)

A. REGULAR PLAY:

- 1) When there is an available court, and you and your entire group are ready to play, print your name and your starting time on the big blackboard under the appropriate court number. Then you may all enter the court together through the gate closest to the court you selected. If there are players already playing on adjacent courts, don't enter your court until they have stopped playing. At all times, please be mindful of and courteous to other players.
- 2) Singles and doubles have no time limits when other courts are available and there are no other players waiting to play.
- 3) Juniors and/or guests are allowed on all courts.

B. RULES THAT APPLY WHEN PEOPLE ARE WAITING:

- 1) When your entire group is ready to play, print your name on the waiting list on the big blackboard. When it's your turn to take the next available court, erase your name from the waiting list and print your name and starting time on the big blackboard under the appropriate court number; then you may all enter the court together.
- 2) Those playing in the club tournament or challenge ladder may complete their matches without being bumped by selecting an available court and writing 'club match' or 'challenge' under their names. Starting times are not required. Please try to schedule these matches at off-times.
- 3) When all courts are filled, play is limited to one (1) hour for doubles and forty-five (45) minutes for singles.

C. "WINTER-PLAY-RULES" ARE TO BE USED UNTIL AT LEAST SEVEN (7) HAR-TRU COURTS ARE PLAYABLE

WINTER-SET RULES:

- 1) If people are waiting, play is limited to a "winter set," that is one completed after a team wins five (5) games.
- 2) Doubles must be played if people are waiting. If nobody is waiting, a "winter set" of singles may be played. However, when other players arrive, the singles players are encouraged to stop play and to invite the newly arrived players to join them for doubles.
- 3) Upon completion of a "winter set," players are obliged to relinquish their court, after announcing that "A court is open!"
- 4) Regardless of the number of games played, including warm-up time, there is a limit of one hour for doubles play per court, when others are waiting.

D. TEAM PLAY:

- 1) Matches will be played on designated courts. No more than six (6) courts may be used at one time for a match. If two teams are at home, each team may use four (4) courts.
- 2) Courts, which are scheduled for team play, must be vacated fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled start of a match.
- 3) Number of the courts reserved and match starting times must be posted on the bulletin board no less than twenty-four (24) hours before a match.
- 4) Team captains are responsible for scheduling, postponing and enforcing the above rules and regulations, including the dress code.

E. DRESS CODE:

- 1) Only flat soled tennis shoes may be worn on the courts. Do not wear cross-trainers; they damage the court surface.
- 2) Any apparel made suitable for tennis is acceptable.
- 3) Also acceptable: solid color t-shirts (under shirts not included), t-shirts made specifically for tennis tournaments, clubs, camps, etc.
- 4) Members will be responsible for their guests' attire.

F. GUESTS:

- 1) The guest fee is \$10.00 for all standby members and non-member senior guests (25 and older), and \$3.00 for junior guests (24 and younger).
- 2) Guests must be signed in and paid for before playing. Members are responsible for paying the manager or any board member.
- 3) Guests must abide by the rules posted on the bulletin board of the club.
- 4) A stand-by or non-member may play as a guest no more than five times per season.
- 5) No member may bring more guests at one time than will occupy one court.

G. CONDUCT OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS:

- 1) All players should conduct themselves in a courteous manner at all times.
- 2) Anywhere on club grounds and on the courts, behavior accompanied by excessive noise, profanity or inappropriate expressions will not be tolerated.
- 3) Smoking is prohibited except in the parking lot areas.
- 4) Cell phones must be turned off or left in vibrate mode when on the courts.
- 5) Pets are not permitted on the grounds of the tennis club.

H. GENERAL:

- 1) All members and non-members are prohibited from engaging in any tennis business on, or within 100 yards of, the club's premises. Exceptions in writing by the director of tennis with the Board of Directors' approval are necessary to conduct such business. Tennis business is defined as: stringing or repairing racquets; selling or appropriating tennis paraphernalia such as shirts, caps, tennis shoes, tennis balls, etc.; promoting tennis instructions for a fee or advertising such services. Provided, however, effective April 2014 the Board shall have the sole right to contract with instructors and pros to provide tennis lessons and clinics to members and non-members for such fees and on such terms as the board shall deem to be in the best interests of the club and, in doing so, the board shall use its best efforts to consult with the current tennis director regarding any such contracts.
- 2) Players going to and from back courts eight (8) through eighteen (18) must go around, not through, the front courts.
- 3) Har-tru courts will be closed for watering at a time designated by the manager and the times will be posted. If you are bumped because of watering and you do not continue to play elsewhere, you may go back to the same court where you played, when watering is completed. When the watering is completed, you may continue to play for the balance of the time remaining when you were bumped.
- 4) No tennis is to be played on courts when nets are down.
- 5) Use no more than 3 balls on a court unless your court is between two empty courts or your court is next to a side fence and an empty court.

I. VIOLATIONS:

The board may sanction a member of IHTC for any violation of any of the above rules and regulations.