



## Rules for Use of Tennis Facilities

### 1. TENNIS USE ONLY:

- i. The tennis courts are to be used for *tennis only*. (No skateboards, scooters, bikes, skates, etc are allowed on the courts.)

### 2. WHO CAN USE THE COURTS:

- i. The use of the courts is for LHP residents, their immediate family members and their guests. (Immediate family members include residents' parents, siblings, children, grandchildren as well as partners of the immediate family members. Management may request proof of resident status to anyone using the LHP tennis courts; residents and their guests are expected to obey all LHP Tennis Rules.

### 3. TIMES OF PLAY:

- i. Playing times are from 9:00 am until 9:00 pm each day.

### 4. TIMES SET ASIDE FOR EVENTS

- i. TAC reserves the right to priority book courts for scheduled LHP events including regular group play, round robins, LHP and inter-club tournaments, tennis social events and any other TAC sanctioned event; some fees may apply to participate.
- ii. Advance notice of these priority booked times will be posted in the Rec Center (on the TAC notice board) as well as on the Tagging Boards at each court.

### 5. ACCESS TO THE COURTS:

- i. Access to the courts is via FOB; FOBs are for resident use only and are not to be shared with non-residents. When on the court, please do not allow access to the courts to anyone without a FOB.

### 6. BOOKING A COURT:

- i. Tennis courts are to be booked by placing the resident's LHP tennis tag on the Tagging Board outside of each tennis court.
- ii. Courts may be booked for 1 hour and must be tagged only on the day of intended use; courts cannot be tagged the day prior. Tags must be removed at the end of each day.
- iii. A tagged court is forfeited after 10 minutes of a no-show.
- iv. TAC/Management is not responsible for any lost or stolen tags; new tags can be purchased from the Management office.

### 7. COURT CONDUCT:

- i. Dress code
  - a. Appropriate tennis attire is mandatory; a shirt and proper (non-marking) tennis shoes must be worn at all times.
  - b. Jeans, cut-offs, bare midriffs, bathing suits, and offensive wording/offensive logos are not allowed.
- ii. Etiquette
  - a. No food or drink (including alcohol) is permitted on the courts; only plastic or metal water containers are permitted; no glass containers are to be brought on the court.
  - b. Do not litter the courts with wrappings, empty tennis cans/lids, plastic bottles or chewing gum. Please use the refuse containers provided for this purpose.
  - c. Smoking, the use of cell phones, spitting, and bringing animals of any kind onto the court is not permitted.
  - d. Be considerate of others on neighbouring courts.
  - e. Be patient awaiting your turn to play; let others finish their point.

- f. Be prompt leaving the court at the end of your playing time; to cross behind a court, wait for a break in play or a change of sides before crossing.
  - g. Return balls to other courts only when others are prepared to receive them; return balls directly to others.
  - h. Wait until play has stopped on another court to retrieve your ball or request your ball (s). If there is a possibility of injury from a loose ball rolling on another court, then call out “Ball on Court!” to alert them to the danger.
  - i. Always make sure the gates are closed when entering and leaving the courts.
- iii. Sportsmanship
- a. Set a positive example: Play fairly, acknowledge good shots; shake hands at the end of matches. Be aware that children and beginners may be nearby copying your behaviour.
  - b. Loud, abusive or profane language, abuse of tennis equipment or damage to LHP’s tennis facilities will not be tolerated.
- 8. WHO CAN TEACH ON THE COURTS:**
- i. All lessons for monetary compensation will be provided exclusively by the designated LHP Tennis Pro and/or qualified assistant pros under his/her employ. For liability reasons, any other teaching or coaching for monetary compensation is strictly prohibited on LHP tennis courts.
  - ii. The designated LHP tennis pro will have booking priority for instruction on Court #1 of the Water Courts as required.
  - iii. Only residents/guests participating in a lesson and individuals directly invited to observe that lesson (by a participating resident or the pro) may be within the fenced area of Court #1 during the lesson. All other individuals, including LHP residents and their guests, are to refrain from entering this area/ accessing the bleachers while a lesson is in progress.
- 9. WHEN COURTS ARE FIT FOR PLAY:**
- i. For player safety and to avoid injury, any use of the courts must cease if court conditions are wet; only when courts are dry can play resume. Court scrapers are available at each court to assist with drying the court.
- 10. USE OF TENNIS WALL:**
- i. The tennis wall (on Court# 3 at the Water Courts) is for tennis only; no other sports are permitted.
  - ii. Court tagging rules apply; the tennis wall is booked in the same manner as booking the court for playing tennis.
  - iii. The tennis wall may NOT be used simultaneously when other players are using Court #3 for tennis.
  - iv. Do not chase practice balls onto the neighbouring court if there is a game in play. For safety and courtesy, ask that the loose ball be returned when their play is finished.
  - v. Please report any damage to the tennis wall to Property Management.
- 11. USE OF A BALL MACHINE:**
- i. Due to noise disturbance to residents, use of a personal tennis ball machine is only permitted on Court #3 at the Water Courts.
  - ii. Court time must be tagged as usual.
  - iii. Children under the age of 14 may not use a ball machine unless under the direct supervision of an adult.
  - iv. Residents who supply and use a tennis ball machine are responsible for safe use of that machine and ensure that no damage results to LHP property. LHP will not be held responsible for any injury as a result of the use of a personal tennis ball machine.
- 12. SAFEGUARDING OF TENNIS EQUIPMENT/PROPERTY**
- i. Tennis players should conduct themselves according to a high standard of personal behaviour; tennis players who damage or cause loss to LHP tennis property or tennis equipment will be responsible for the cost of repair or replacement. LHP is not responsible for loss or theft of personal property.
- 13. BASIC RULES OF PLAY**
- i. **Call balls fairly**—Lines are “in.” Play unseen/unclear bounces as “in.” (If in doubt, the call is always “in.”) Do not replay points because you could not make/see the call—call it “in”. If you call a ball “out” and then realize it was good, correct your call immediately.

- ii. **Call lines on your side of the court only**—Only make line calls on the other side if your opponent asks for help. Call against yourself any ball hit from your side which you can see clearly “out.” Indicate an “out” ball with an index finger pointing up, and an “in” ball with a horizontal palm.
  - iii. **Make calls instantly**—Call “out” or “let” right away before the ball is dead or your opponent makes the return, otherwise, the ball is considered still “in play.”
  - iv. **Volunteer your violations**—You are expected to call/admit to any of your own double bounces, net touches, net reach-overs, double hits, 2-player hits, ball touching, etc.
  - v. **Foot-faults are illegal**—When serving, you may not touch or cross the baseline with any part of your body prior to contacting the ball—this is a foot-fault.
  - vi. **Server announces score**—Before each point, the server should call the score loudly. If there is disagreement on score, players can settle by spinning a racquet or flipping a coin. As a last resort, players must go back to the score last agreed upon (no matter how far back) and continue play from there.
14. **DISCIPLINE**
- i. Anyone who is found to be in violation of any of the above LHP Rules for Use of Tennis Facilities may be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the LHP Shared Facilities Committee Operational Policies (Policy #2.1.5), which may include temporary or permanent loss of the use of the tennis facilities.