

Rivermist

Rivermist Homeowners Association
1658 Rivermist Drive
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TENNIS RULES

These tennis rules and regulations have been reviewed and approved by the HOA Board of Directors. You will see that some of the rules are based on the honor system. All rules are expected to be followed. Any questions should be referred to the Tennis Chairperson. It is our goal that all Permanent Full and Guest members of Rivermist have a fair opportunity to use the courts for practice, matches, lessons and open play time. Abuse of any tennis rules by individual members or teams may result in review by the HOA Board and possible suspension of tennis playing privileges.

RESERVING THE COURTS

1. An online court reservation system is in effect for Permanent Full and Guest members only. New members should contact the Tennis Chairperson for instructions on registering with the online reservation system. Courts are open for play from 7am to 11pm.
2. Each registered member may sign up for a court up to seven (7) times per week, for up to two (2) hours per reservation.
3. Courts may be reserved online up to two (2) days in advance. First come, first serve priority is observed to reserve courts for all independent leagues (i.e. T2, League Tennis, Ultimate Tennis, etc.), extra courts for team matches (i.e. ALTA and USTA), and open play.
4. Jr. players under the age of 12, parents must be present at all times.
5. Open court play is on a first come, first serve basis and must be signed up or risk being bumped.
6. A reserved court will revert to an open court if no players are on the court after a ten (10) minute waiting period, or if the court is not used for tennis for a period of ten (10) minutes during the booked period.
7. Coaches who coach in Rivermist may block courts up to one week in advance. Coaches who currently have this privilege are: Quintin Blake & Dan Griffith. Any other coach wishing to make use of advance booking must first contact the Tennis Chairperson who will submit the person's name to the Rivermist Board for approval.

GUEST PLAYERS

1. A member may have up to three (3) guests per day.
2. Residents of Rivermist who are not Permanent Full members of the HOA are not allowed use of the tennis courts, and may not be guests of other members.

BLOCKED TIME AND TEAM REGULATIONS

1. Courts may be blocked for practice time for Rivermist-sponsored ALTA or USTA tennis teams. Only dues paid Permanent Full or Guest members may participate on Rivermist-sponsored ALTA or USTA teams. Blocked time for organized team practices and/or coaching is limited to 1½ hours per team. From 7:00-10:00 PM one pair of courts will remain open for recreational play. Blocked time on courts is for adult teams only. Determination of blocked time slots takes place each year before the beginning of the Winter USTA season. Blocked time slots for both ALTA and USTA teams will be selected via a drawing and will remain the same for one (1) year.
2. The priority for reserving courts for ALTA or USTA make-up matches is as follows:
 - a) 1st - use open courts.
 - b) 2nd - use individual reserved courts. Individual must be notified.
 - c) 3rd - use team practice reserved courts. Team captains must be notified.
 - d) 4th - use team coaching reserved courts. Team captains must be notified.
3. Any make-up match that would originally have been played outside the neighborhood that is played at Rivermist will be on a first come, first serve basis and follow the rules as outlined in the section titled "RESERVING THE COURTS".
4. A roster of each team for each season is to be turned in to the Tennis Chairperson for verification of membership. A copy of the ALTA/USTA roster and schedule, outside player fees and team approval of outside players must be given to the Tennis Chairperson before the first match of the season. This is mandatory. Failure to turn in the information and fees may result in forfeiture of the right to block courts for practice and team matches for that season.
5. No reserved block time is authorized on weekends before 7:00 PM Sunday except for ALTA/USTA matches or Rivermist-sponsored tournaments.
6. Blocked time is limited to a maximum of ten (10) weeks of practice and matches. Extensions may be added for playoff participation. Check with the Tennis Chairperson for authorization.
7. Should a dues paid member move from Rivermist, he/she will be permitted to remain on their respective team(s) for the remainder of the year.
8. It is recommended that all players seek a team that is closest to his or her level of play.
9. Teams are to have the following members:
 - a) A Rivermist team may consider itself full with sixteen (16) adults and twelve (12) juniors if all players are Permanent Full and Guest members. If a team contains any outside players, then the team can consider itself full with twenty (20) adults and fifteen (15) juniors. A team does reserve the right to have additional members. All Permanent Full and Guest members must be given the opportunity to play in at least two (2) regular season matches.
 - b) Individuals seeking to join a team that has a full roster of Permanent Full and Guest members must be admitted to the team as an alternate member. These alternate members must be allowed to practice with the team.
10. Teams at their discretion may have additional Permanent Full and Guest members. Any team that votes to have less than a full team and denies a Rivermist member a place on the team will be subject to suspension of their right to block time for practices and matches.

Such action will be at the direction of the Tennis Chairperson, with final approval by the HOA Board.

11. The captain or co-captain of a Rivermist tennis team must be a Permanent Full or Guest member. Outside players may not be captain, unless a Permanent Full or Guest member has been designated as the co-captain.
12. The team captain and team members will govern the utilization of players internally, subject to the requirement for minimum match play for members as noted in this section. If a situation arises that cannot be resolved by the team it may be brought to the HOA Board.

Anyone interested in playing on a Rivermist tennis team should contact the Tennis Chairperson.

MATCHES

1. All teams will use the bathroom facilities on the pool level. The team playing on courts 1 and 2 is responsible for ensuring the bathroom area is clean after matches.
2. Each team is responsible for emptying the trash on the courts they utilized. Upon the completion of matches, the on-court trash cans should be emptied into the larger, off-court trash cans and the off-court trash cans should be emptied into the dumpster. **It is the responsibility of each member to clean up the court area including emptying the on-court trash containers. Failure to comply can result in loss of playing privileges.**
3. The team playing on courts 1 and 2 is responsible for obtaining the code for the lock box with the keys to the bathrooms. If 1 and 2 are open, then the team playing on courts 3 and 4 assume this responsibility. The lock box code to the bathroom may be obtained from the Tennis Chairperson or the Association President. Upon completion of the team match, the bathroom lights should be turned off, doors locked and the keys returned to the lock box. Failure to comply can result in loss of privileges.
4. Courts blocked for team matches are reserved until all matches are complete.

OUTSIDE PLAYERS

The objective of allowing outside players on a Rivermist tennis team is to help existing teams and facilitate the formation of additional teams where previously a minimum number of players from Rivermist were not available.

1. Adult teams must have at least a majority of the minimum number of players required by the league (ALTA or USTA) to form a team made up of Permanent Full or Guest members. For example, teams that must have a minimum of 12 players to form a team must have at least seven (7) Permanent Full or Guest members. Teams that must have a minimum of 10 players to form a team must have at least six (6) Permanent Full or Guest members. Teams that must have a minimum of eight (8) players to form a team must have at least five (5) Permanent Full or Guest members. Junior teams must have a minimum of five (5) Permanent Full or Guest members. Teams that make a good faith effort to achieve the required number of Permanent Full and Guest members, but fail to meet the requirement, may make a request to the HOA Board that they be permitted to form a team. Permission

must be requested each season that the team does not have the required number of Permanent Full or Guest members. Any team given permission to play with fewer than the required number of Permanent Full or Guest members will be expected to continue to make efforts to reach the requirement.

2. Outside players will be allowed under the following conditions:
 - a) All Permanent Full or Guest team members must unanimously agree to allow the outside players onto the team.
 - b) If there are more than four (4) outside players on a team, an outside player declaration must be signed by all Permanent Full and Guest members on the team.
3. The outside player fee of \$36 per team per season for adults and \$36 per team per season for juniors will entitle the outside player to play on Rivermist tennis courts for any scheduled team coachings, practices, regular season matches and playoff matches only. If an outside player uses the courts beyond the above listed times, they **must** be the guest of a Permanent Full or Guest member.

OUTSIDE COACHES

An outside non-member coach that coaches more than five hours a week, outside of team blocked practices, shall pay \$10.00 per hour per court, and sign the Independent Contractor Agreement.

The above rules may be revised from time to time with HOA Board approval. Failure to follow these Rivermist Tennis Rules could result in suspension of individual and/or team playing privileges.

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