

ST. GEORGE'S TENNIS CLUB Playing Rules

Please contact the Duty Host if you have any questions regarding the rules and regulations. The Duty Host will serve as the on-site interpreter of the Club Rules and Regulations.

1. **SCHEDULED PRIORITIES** Playing Hours/Court Privileges are affected by scheduled activities such as lessons/clinics, Round Robin, Mixed Doubles, Sunday Social, intra/inter club events, tournaments (such as Wee Weeklies). Please see the Calendar of Events for more details about scheduled activities or speak with the Duty Host.
2. **COURT ROTATION/PLAYING TIME** Playing groups are allowed one-half hour of court time to ensure fair court rotation and playing privileges.
3. **COURT ACCESS**
 - a. Senior and Intermediate members have priority access over Juniors on all courts and at all times **except** as follows.
 - i. **Non Holiday Weekdays**
 1. Court Nos. 3: until 5.00pm
 2. Court Nos. 4 & 5: all day except during scheduled Senior/Intermediate group lessons.
 - ii. **Sundays and Holidays**
 1. Court Nos. 3, 4 & 5: until Noon
 - iii. **Court No 3:** If invited by two or more Senior members, up to 2 juniors may join them to play doubles during times when Seniors have priority access
 - iv. **Saturday Evenings (5:00 PM to close):** All members have equal priority on all 5 courts.
 - b. Doubles and Singles: Doubles play has priority access to any doubles court when at least two doubles groups (i.e. 8 players) are waiting on the Court Scheduling Board.
 - c. Scheduled events take priority over all other play.
 - d. These rules may require players to relinquish their courts or position on the Court Scheduling Board.
 - i. When Seniors and Intermediates have priority access while Scheduled Priorities are in progress, Juniors may be required to relinquish their court. Otherwise, when Schedules Priorities are not in progress, Seniors and Intermediates may only ask Juniors to relinquish their position on the Court Scheduling Board.
 - ii. **Please be respectful when asking anyone to surrender their playing priority.**
4. **COURT SCHEDULING BOARD**
 - a. The Court Scheduling Board determines access to the courts. Players wishing court access will write their exit time following the last group to schedule their exit time.
 - b. You may not enter or change an exit time on the board during a playing session or while taking a lesson.
 - c. The Duty Host will be the ultimate authority in managing the Court Schedule Board.
5. **CLUB HOURS**

Weather permitting, the Club is open for play from 7:30 am - 10:10 pm. When there is no Club Host on duty, the last person leaving the grounds at night is requested to ensure the Clubhouse and fence gate are securely locked. The Duty Host will usually ask you to leave the courts by 10:10 pm so s/he may clean the courts and clubhouse before the lights go out. Members are asked to not use the showers in the Clubhouse after 10:00pm.
6. **DUTY HOST**

Duty Hosts are appointed by the Board to carry out several duties including the enforcement of Club rules and policies. Hosts are required to check for proper footwear.
7. **ETIQUETTE**
 - a. **CLOTHING** As an established tennis club, we have traditional expectations regarding the standard of dress for all members. Shirts/tops are mandatory to be worn on/off the courts. Players are reminded that jeans, cut-offs, tank tops for men, and jogging shorts are not permitted. Please wear proper shoes for our Har-Tru Courts.
 - b. **COURT MAINTENANCE** Players are required to brush their court prior to leaving it after their allotted

time when there is no Host on-duty. The Duty Hosts will groom the courts when they are on duty.

c. **COURT COURTESY** Players are expected to return stray balls to the correct courts as soon as possible. Members are reminded that needless noise on/off the courts can be very distracting to other players and our neighbours.

d. **OUR NEIGHBOURS** St. George's Tennis Club enjoys a high reputation in the neighbourhood and greater community where it is located. Our continued good relations depend on the cooperation of all St. George's members.

e. **GARBAGE** Receptacles are provided on the grounds and courts to receive garbage. Please ensure that tennis ball can tops are properly discarded because they are very sharp. Chewing gum must never be discarded on the court surface. Please be careful that liquids aren't spilled on the courts.

f. **PETS** Pets must be on a leash and owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets.

8. TOURNAMENTS AND COMPETITIVE PLAY

a. As a member of the *Tennis Nova Scotia*, St. George's hosts tournaments each year. They are usually weekend events and our members are invited to play or to watch. Regular club play is suspended during tournaments. However, some courts may be available for our members to play by Sunday afternoon. We appreciate your cooperation with our Tournament Committee which has control over all courts during tournaments.

b. The rules of the *Tennis Canada* shall govern all competitive play.

9. VISITORS AND GUEST PRIVILEGES

a. **GUESTS** Members are entitled to use their guest passes. Members must present the passes to the Duty Host for validation prior to playing. Any person residing in the local area (within 30 Km radius) may be a guest at St. George's no more than three times a year. The sponsoring member must play with the guest(s), and is responsible for the conduct of his/her guest(s) while at the Club. The sponsoring member will ensure that proper footwear is worn by the guest(s). Additional guest passes are available for purchase from the Duty Host.

b. **VISITOR PRIVILEGES** Visitors permanently residing outside a radius of 30Km may play tennis based on daily, weekly and monthly fees. No nonresident may play for more than one month in total, in a season, without paying the appropriate membership fee.

c. The Club reserves the right to restrict the sale of passes or visitor privileges to any individual.

10. CLUB HOUSE

The upper level of the Clubhouse is closed to Juniors under the age of 12 unless they are accompanied by an Intermediate, host, coach or an adult. The upper level of the Clubhouse is available for use by the coaches for off-court lessons, playing table tennis, and for Senior use.

11. **CHILDREN'S SAFETY** Parents are expected to supervise their children on the Club property. Please note that small children are not permitted within the fenced tennis court area while their parents are on the court.

12. These rules are may be changed at any time without notice.

End of Rules – April 14, 2014

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