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# **ST. GEORGE'S TENNIS CLUB**

## **Policy: Daily Court Grooming Guidelines**

### **PREAMBLE:**

Har-Tru synthetic clay courts require regular maintenance. The Club's goals are to:

- provide a safe, smooth and consistent surface on which to play,
- ensure that wear or damage from normal tennis activities are repaired before they increase in severity.

Regular maintenance include watering and sweeping:

- St. George's members enjoy the benefits of a subsurface court irrigation system so that watering occurs automatically and does not interrupt access to the courts. After the courts achieve their initial compaction, correct watering allows Har-Tru to remain a firm and stable playing surface.
- Court sweeping is an important function. Regular sweeping is primary court maintenance that ensures displaced Har-Tru court material is re-distributed and that the courts retain their 'like new' appearance.

Court sweeping is maintenance activity. It will be determined by host staff and guided by this policy. Members may request court sweeping at any time however they must never interfere with the daily sweeping cycles.

### **DUTY HOST DAILY SWEEPING CYCLES:**

Closing Duties: Courts will be swept at the end of each day unless it is not possible or practical for reasons of insufficient time or opportunity.

### **Periodic Sweeping:**

- Courts should be swept following three (3) hours of use except where it conflicts with scheduled activities.
- Fifteen (15) minutes should be allowed for sweeping including cleaning lines.

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- The Duty Host will ensure that the Schedule Board is updated and that "Maintenance – 15 minutes" will be indicated on the Board in the appropriate location. Those wishing access to a court following sweeping will have their exit time entered in the next playing session following the maintenance period.
- Notwithstanding the three (3) hour guideline, courts should be swept leading up to weekday peak-periods or scheduled activities that interfere with scheduled sweeping.