

## **OLD FIELD CLUB TENNIS – 2017**

### **COURT RULES AND EXPECTATIONS FOR MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS**

1. Use of the courts is restricted to OFC members and their guests.
2. Court reservations may be made no more than 24 hours in advance unless a tournament or ladder match is being scheduled.
3. Reservations for courts may be made in person at the courts or by phone (631-751-2640). In-person sign up at 9 a.m. has priority over phone-in reservations at the same time.
4. Reservation of courts by individuals on any one day is limited to one hour of singles or one and a half hour of doubles, with the exception of pre-final tournament and ladder play (see #5 below).
5. A player may not make or be party to more than one reservation a day, except for pre-final tournament or ladder play.
6. Failure to arrive at the courts within 15 minutes after the sign-up time will result in loss of the court if someone else has been waiting to play (and could have signed up for that court) and has begun play. The pro shop clock will be the official time.
7. Players who have reached the end of their reserved court time and, in the absence of waiting players, subsequently start additional play, shall be allowed to finish their current game before yielding to those who then arrive for their reserved time. If the late arrivers are more than 15 minutes late, those on the court may continue to play to the end of the current half hour.
8. Extended periods of play (up to two hours) may be reserved for pre-final tournament matches only; not for ladder matches.
9. All reservations must list all players, including the identification of guests.
10. Juniors (under 18 years of age) may make a reservation between noon and 5 p.m. on weekdays or after 5 p.m. on weekends and holidays. They may, however, be party to an adult reservation at other times for singles or doubles play only.
11. Preference for a particular court will not constitute a reason for dispossession of other players from a court.

12. The Pro may reserve courts for special events, such as tournaments, Men's Day, Ladies' Day, Inter-clubs, clinics, and court maintenance, etc.
13. The Pro may make a change in a member's reserved court in order to make more effective use of the facility (e.g. fill-in for half hour available court times related to doubles play).
14. The Pro will determine if the courts are in playable condition.
15. Court maintenance takes precedence over play. A lowered net signifies that a court is not playable. Routine maintenance may occur mid-day and normally approximately one hour before dusk.
16. It is expected that parents will appropriately supervise their children while at the tennis facility. Unruly children may be asked to be removed from the tennis area by the Pro.
17. These rules shall be administered by the Pro and decisions are final.

### **ATTIRE**

1. No one shall enter the court enclosures without proper attire.
2. Proper attire will be predominantly white tennis clothing for men and women, members and guests. No undershirts or T-shirts. Regulation tennis shoes shall be worn on the courts at all times by all persons. Basketball shoes, running shoes, cross-trainers, etc. will damage our courts and will not be permitted.
3. Tennis whites are required on the courts all year by members and guests (i.e., during social play, ladders, tournaments, clinics, inter-clubs, and tennis camps). The sole exception is that warm-ups and/or sweaters need not be white.

### **GUEST FEES**

1. All guests must be signed in at the Pro shop prior to play. Before Memorial Day and after Labor Day, the honor system will be in force. Please sign a chit at the office in the Clubhouse.
2. Fees are as follows:
  - a. Adults Weekdays: \$8.00
  - b. Adults Weekends and Holidays: \$10.00
  - c. Junior Guests: ½ the above Adult fees
3. Guests are limited to two days during any one month.

4. House guests residing outside of Suffolk County may obtain a guest card from the Pro shop valid for fourteen consecutive days and shall pay guest fees as above.
5. Members must be a party to reservations that include guests except in the case of adult children of members, who may reserve a court, unaccompanied, during the hours of 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. They must register in the guest book prior to play and the appropriate guest fee must be honored.
6. All guest fees are to be billed to the member's account or paid when signing in.

### **COURT RESTRICTIONS**

1. No food or smoking shall be permitted on the courts.
2. Players must not jump over the nets.
3. Dogs, cats or other family pets are not allowed on the tennis courts.
4. Non-playing children are not allowed on the courts.

### **PRE- AND POST-SEASON RULES**

1. Sign-up sheets will be posted from May 1<sup>st</sup> to Labor Day.
2. On the sign-up sheet, enter name(s) of players (including guests identified as guests) in the appropriate space and exact starting time.
3. If a sign-up sheet is not posted, all sign-up and play rules remain in effect.
4. Regular season rules apply to Juniors.
5. Tennis whites are required as in "Attire" above.

### **INFRACTIONS OF THE TENNIS RULES MAY RESULT IN SUSPENSION OF TENNIS PRIVILEGES BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

## Old Field Club Tennis Saturday Open Time Rules

On Saturdays, Memorial Day, and July 4th, courts may not be reserved from **7:00 AM to 12 noon**. In the mornings, on those days, there will be open play to encourage members to come to the club without a pre-arranged game.

1. Players are to form doubles teams, list the four names on the whiteboard along with the starting time, and play for one hour.
2. If all courts are occupied, waiting players are to organize a foursome and sign-in on the whiteboard for the next available court.
3. If fewer than four players are waiting, these players may take possession of the next available court with the yielding players deciding which ones will join the waiting players to make a foursome.
4. There will be no singles played during open time unless there are no players waiting. Players may play singles until a foursome can be formed. Singles players must sign up on the board with the starting time. **Singles players must play doubles if there are people waiting to play or must relinquish the court to the waiting people if they elect not to play doubles.** If the waiting players do not want to form a foursome with the singles players, the singles players must limit their play to one hour.
5. Court 1 will be designated as a doubles challenge court during open play. Play shall be limited to one regular set with a 12 point tie breaker on this court and the winning doubles team may remain on the court to take on a challenging team. Any two players can challenge the winners by signing up on the whiteboard under court 2. Challengers take on the winners on a first come first play basis.

6. Priority during open time is for adult members.
7. During open time, members take precedence over guests.

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