

VILLAGES TENNIS CLUB RULES

Revised 11/28/2023

This document updates the Villages Tennis Club Rules. Villages Golf and Country Club Rule 1 . 16, "Tennis Club," establishes general rules governing use of the tennis courts. Tennis Club Rules are specific to the Tennis Club and are consistent with VGCC Rule 1 . 16 and the Tennis Club Bylaws.

I . Membership:

A. Only Villages residents are eligible for membership in the Tennis Club.

B. Annual dues: Annual dues will be assessed for any membership granted during the months from January through September. There will be no charge for new members who join during October through December. All Tennis Club members will be billed annually on the 1st of January of each year. Annual dues for Regular membership in the Tennis Club shall be \$25.00 per year . Annual dues for Social membership shall be \$5.00 per year.

II. Guest Players:

A. Guest players must be accompanied on the court by the host resident.

B. Guests may not be invited to play, or a court pre-reserved for guest play, before 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays, Sundays, and approved holidays specified by the Tennis Club.

III. Ball Machine Membership:

A. The Tennis Club owns and retains control over the use of all ball machines. Ball machines may be used only by regular Tennis Club members. No other ball machines may be used on the Villages Tennis courts without prior Tennis Club Board approval.

B. To obtain a key for ball machine use, a regular Tennis Club member must: a) apply for a "Ball Machine Membership;" b) complete formal instruction on the machine's operation; and c) sign a "Waiver of Responsibility" form. (See Tennis Directory for the ball machine contact person.)

1. Initial membership cost is a \$10.00 Administration Fee.

C. Ball machines may be used only on Court 4. The ball machine may be used **at 10:30 or later** by reservation, or **at any hour** without reservation when the court remains unused by a regular play group as of ten minutes after the reservation start time (i.e., at 7:40 or 9:10). Ball machine may not be used when any league or tournament play is in progress.

IV. Court Restrictions:

A. Proper tennis attire, including shirts, must be worn at all times. Any shoes that leave

marks on the court are prohibited.

B. No food or drink, except water, shall be taken onto the courts.

C. Glass and other breakable objects are not permitted on the courts.

D. No wheeled sports equipment, such as roller blades, roller skates, scooter, or model cars, is permitted on the court surface.

E. Smoking is not permitted on the courts or in the viewing stands.

F. Any grievous violation of court restrictions or Tennis Club Rules should be referred to Villages Security.

V. USTA and Interclub League Play:

A. USTA and Interclub League play are organized and sponsored by the Villages Tennis Club. Village residents wishing to participate in these activities must be a regular member of the Villages Tennis Club. However if needed to field a team, a Village USTA team may have up to 6 non-Villages members.

In addition, a joint or "reciprocal" team between Silver Creek Valley CC or other nearby country or racquet club will be allowed by sharing home court surfaces, one team hosting 3 and the other 2 home matches in a given 10-week USTA season. Opposing teams will host the other 5 weeks. Each joint team will supply players for each of the 10 matches, but not necessarily in equal number. There will be a captain and co-captain as usual, chosen from the team as a whole, including 1 from each club.

B. USTA and Interclub matches must normally be scheduled at 12:00 Noon or later to facilitate court access for drop in and casual play. During the period of March 1st through October 31st matches may be scheduled to start at 10:30 AM.

C. No more than three courts may be scheduled for USTA and Interclub league play at any one time.

D. Exceptions: Ladies Interclub competition has 4 individual matches. Home matches should be scheduled at 10:30 AM.

a. Any league competition other than those stated above requiring a fourth or fifth court must be obtained within the "7 day advance reservation" rule.

E. All organized league home matches must be coordinated with the Tennis Club Master Scheduler.

VI. Tennis Club Master Scheduler:

The Master Scheduler is responsible for scheduling all court activities, including: coordinating the schedule for all USTA and Interclub matches, documenting all advance court usage, match reservations, planned maintenance and posting them on the YourCourts Reservation system.

VII. Team Practice

Team practices must be scheduled at 12:00 Noon or later and are limited to one practice period (1 1/2 hours) per week and a maximum of three courts. After the schedule is agreed upon, the Master Scheduler will block off practice times on the court sign-up sheets.

VIII. Court Reservations and Authorized Play:

A. VGCC Villages Rules 1 . 16 Tennis Courts establishes procedures for making individual tennis court pre-reservations: Village residents may reserve a court by signing up no earlier than one week (7 days) and 1 hour prior to the time of desired play. For example: To play May 8 at 9:00 AM, you would sign up no sooner than May 1 at 8:00 AM. Reservations are for a playing period of 1 1/2 hours, starting at 7:30 AM.

1. No person may reserve the same court for consecutive time periods.

2. No group may reserve and/or play for consecutive time periods unless an open court is available. (For example: Player A in a group signs up for a 9:00 play period. Player B, C, or D may not sign up for a 10:30 play period on any court. However, they may play at 10:30 on any open court.)

a) Any court not reserved for play is available for play on a first-come basis.

b) A reserved court, unclaimed after 10 minutes, is forfeited to the next group waiting to play.

3. Schedule A – Drop-in play times

The Tennis Club policy is to provide fair and adequate play time and court availability for all Villages residents, including play for recreation, club tournaments, USTA teams, and structured groups. Board authorized pre-reservations for specific court times will be posted on the YourCourts.com system. The Tennis Club Board reserves the right to adjust the current “drop-in” schedule should there be a change in the usage of drop-in court time. The Master Scheduler should evaluate court usage and recommend schedule adjustments to the board.

IX. Tournaments and Social Events:

A. To participate in Tennis Club sponsored tennis tournaments and Club Championships, players must be Villages residents and regular members of the Tennis Club.

B. Accompanied guests of regular or associate members are welcome at Tennis Club Social Events.

X. Amendments:

A. Amendments by the Board of Directors

These rules may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of all the Board of Directors, and a thirty (30) day prior notice to the membership.

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Revision 1 approved by the Tennis Club Executive Board, 2/15/06

Revision 2 authorized by the Tennis Club Executive Board, 2/21/07

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Revision 4 approved by the Tennis Club Executive Board, 4/21/10

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Revision 8 approved by the Tennis Club Executive Board, 10/23/12

Revision 9 approved by the Tennis Club Executive Board, 10/27/15

Revision 10 approved by the Tennis Club Executive Board, 6/1/2019

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