

Tennis Rules

There shall be a Tennis Committee, comprised of the appointed Tennis Chairperson, who is a member of the Board of Directors, and a captain from each adult team and a manager from each youth team.

GENERAL

- Tennis courts will not be used prior to 8:00 AM.
- The tennis courts will not be used after 10:00 PM. One exception – if a scheduled or rescheduled 'team' match continues past 10:00 pm, courts will stay open till completion of the match.
- Tennis shoes only must be worn on the courts.
- Only tennis players are allowed on the courts.
- No food is allowed on the courts.
- Players may not succeed themselves when someone else is waiting, unless invited to join their play.
- Reasonable tennis attire and conduct must be maintained.
- Use first and last names for reservations.
- Sign-ups shall be on the hour and half-hour basis, except for 'team' play.
- When finished playing, clean up your court area – used tennis balls and cans, water bottles, etc. should be placed in the green buckets hanging on the net posts. Check the area for towels, clothing, etc. left on the courts.

GUESTS

- Guests must reside outside the membership area.
- One player on each court must be a Club member.
- Guests are welcome. They should abide by the Rules and be under the control of the Club member.

SIGN-UP RULES

- A weekly 'Court sign up' schedule is posted in the lower Pavilion back wall. If you desire to reserve a court, kindly sign up - date, time and court you want. Reserved time is limited to 1- ½ hour except for scheduled 'team' play.
- If no one is waiting, play may continue until court is needed.
- If players reserving the tennis courts are late by more than fifteen (15) minutes, their reservations may be forfeited and claimed by other players.

ORGANIZED LEAGUE PLAY – ALTA and USTA TEAM TENNIS

Winding-Vista Recreations, Inc. (the "Club") participates in team tennis activities with the Atlanta Lawn Tennis Association ("ALTA") and the United States Tennis Association ("USTA"). The Tennis Committee will supervise all activities of this nature. These activities are also subject to the applicable ALTA/USTA Rules and Regulations.

Adult team participation will be in accordance with the following:

- The maximum number of authorized teams is four (4) men's, four (4) women's, four (4) mixed doubles, and six (6) youth per playing day. The formation of new teams may be initiated by a member of the Club and must be approved and supervised by the Tennis Committee.

- A captain and a co-captain will represent each team. Each team will determine the manner of selection of captain and co-captain. Team rosters must be furnished to the Tennis Chairperson and kept current. The team captain will be the official representative of the team to the Tennis Committee.
- The number of participants on each team will be determined on a seasonal basis. The individual teams will present a recommended membership level to the Tennis Committee for evaluation and approval. The Tennis Committee will then approve a level appropriate to existing circumstances. ALTA or USTA will make final decision on "level of play."
- If an existing team cannot acquire enough members to participate in ALTA/USTA league play, the team will be dissolved. The remaining members of such a team will notify the Tennis Committee as to their desire to continue tennis team participation. The names of those electing to continue will be placed on the list with new applicants and existing members who wish to make a team change and will re-enter team play by assignment of the Tennis Committee.
- If a team cannot fill up their seasonal roster, they may invite a non-member player to attend team practices and play matches. This seasonal tennis team guest membership is available for \$50 per person, per tennis season (up to \$200 per year). The person must reside outside of the membership area and must be sponsored by a member. There will be a maximum of four (4) such persons per team. Team captains will submit an application for a non-member team player, along with the \$50 payment, to the Tennis Chairman prior to the start of the season. This player will not be eligible to play until this payment is made.

Youth teams may be formed for each season under the overall supervision of the Tennis Committee. Participants must have knowledge of the game and a reasonable level of skill.

- A notice will be sent to the entire membership informing them of the youth tennis teams.
- Members who have children who wish to play on an ALTA/USTA team must respond by the announced deadline, which may be at least four (4) weeks before ALTA/USTA rosters are due. In the event that there are more children who wish to play than there are allotted spaces, the names will be considered in the order in which the Tennis Chairperson receives them. The children who are already on ALTA/USTA teams will be given first choice in this first-come, first-served process.
- The Tennis Committee will form youth teams based upon age and ability.
- Each youth team will be considered open for players until there are ten (10) children on it. Additional members may be added only at the discretion of the Tennis Committee. Players may be added after the ALTA/USTA rosters are submitted (in accordance with ALTA/USTA rules).
- An effort will be made to place every eligible child on a team.
- Junior Tennis Affiliates may be added for the purpose of filling ALTA and USTA teams based on the following conditions: (1) The junior tennis affiliate must physically reside outside of the membership area; (2) The membership of the team wishing to add a junior tennis affiliate must be eight (8) or fewer; and (3) The junior tennis affiliate must be 18 or under. The cost is \$25.00 per person per season.

GENERAL TEAM RULES

- Individual teams will choose the level (low B, C-3, etc.) of ALTA and (3.5, 4.0, etc.) of USTA league play at which they wish to participate. ALTA / USTA will make final decision on "level of play."
- Team captains / co-captains have the responsibility to control their teams' activities –

scheduling practices, matches, court sign up, line ups, socials, etc. All team members should be given an opportunity to play during the season.

- Use of the courts for practice and match play will be as follows:
 - Teams will be provided two courts for 1 1/2 hours each week for practice. Practice can start two (2) weeks prior to the beginning of the season.
 - For match play, each team will be allowed reservations for two (2) courts for five (5) hours each. This is for regular season and playoff home matches and rescheduled matches.
 - In the event of a rainout of match play, reservations may be made prior to the day of play for make-up matches. These reservations will be made in the name(s) of the player(s) involved and will be for a two-hour time period. Such reservations should be noted on the sign-up sheets as "ALTA/USTA Make-Up Match."
 - In the event of rainout of practice, regular court sign-up rules must be followed.
 - In the event that a match has not finished during the allowable time, the completion of an ALTA/USTA match will take precedence over other tennis sign-ups.
 - Any disputes or questions concerning ALTA/USTA team tennis that cannot be resolved by the individual teams should be referred to the Tennis Committee for a binding decision.

CLUB TOURNAMENTS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

The Tennis Committee will organize Club Tournaments and Social Events.