



FLEMINGTON TENNIS CLUB, INC.

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Rules and Regulations

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- 1) **To preserve the quality of the courts:**
 - a) Only tennis shoes are to be worn on the court surface (no basketball or running shoes).
 - b) Courts must be swept, and tapes cleaned every two sets, or when you finish play and no one is waiting for the court.
- 2) **Playing is prohibited:**
 - a) When any court or portion of a court is too soft. A court (or portion) is too soft if walking on it leaves footprints, or if a new ball dropped from eye level fails to bounce more than knee high.
 - b) When any court bears a "No Play" sign or warning cone, unless the court has dried out since the warning was posted.
 - c) When grounds keeping personnel are performing maintenance.
- 3) **Hours of Operation:**
 - a) Courts may not be used for ANY purpose before 7:00 am.
- 4) **General Rule - Waiting Time & Court Priorities:**
 - a) Adult members (21 and older) have priority over junior members on weekends and holidays all day, and weekdays from 8am through 11am and after 4:00pm.
 - b) When Members or Member Groups (as explained in #5 and #6 below) are waiting to play:
 - i) Priority goes to those who have been waiting the longest. Any Member or Member group may waive this right, but then goes to the end of the waiting line.
 - ii) Ongoing play must terminate after one set which is defined as 6 games to 4 (or less) games, or 5-5 followed by a 7-point tiebreaker.
- 5) **Pick-Up Game Times – Waiting Time & Court Priorities**
 - a) Purpose: Pick-Up Game times are to enable individual members to play with other members without the need to pre-plan or organize. Individual Members just show and play with other Members in accordance with these rules.
 - b) The General Rules in #4 above are applicable when any individual Member is waiting to play.
 - c) Doubles play takes precedence over Singles play to maximize court usage and play time for Members.
- 6) **Non-Designated Court Times – Waiting Time & Court Priorities**
 - a) Purpose: Non-Designated court times are all times NOT listed under "General Court Use Schedule" on the Quick Facts Sheet. These non-designated times are available for members to organize with their own playing partners and teams for singles or doubles ("Member Group").
 - b) The General Rules in #4 above are applicable when any complete Member Group is waiting to play.
- 7) **Guest Privileges Operate by the Honor System:**
 - a) Each adult (but not junior) member may invite a guest (non-member) to play on three (3) separate occasions per year.
 - b) No individual non-member may be a guest more than two (2) times per year, even if invited by different members.
 - c) A member whose guest joins the club that same year is entitled to one extra guest privilege for the balance of the year.
- 8) **Ball Machine:**
 - a) Ball machine is to be used on Court #3 only
 - b) Ball machine is NOT to be used:
 - i) When members are waiting for Court #3.
 - ii) By junior members under age 15 without parental supervision.
- 9) **Replacement Keys:**
 - a) There will be a replacement charge of \$5.00 for all lost keys.
- 10) **Sportsmanship:**
 - a) Tennis is a ladies' and gentlemen's sport. All members are expected to observe these Rules and Regulations and tennis traditions and etiquette which include a pleasant and friendly demeanor toward all club members and guests.