

Tennis Rules

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Court Sign Up Procedures

1. Courts may be reserved via www.Reservemycourt.com
2. The time limit for court use is 2 ½ hours, and then one should yield the court to a different party if waiting.
3. Courts may be reserved up to 6 days in advance. Default time is 10 minutes after scheduled start time. After this time has expired, the court will be considered available for play.
4. Please eliminate all reservations from the system should you realize that you cannot attend as expected. Anyone caught "over-reserving" and not attending the time slot will have their reservation access restricted.
5. Members of the same party may not reserve two consecutive time slots. The intent is that you play your 2 ½ hours and then yield the court to a different party.
6. Those members receiving instruction must sign up for court time using the rules listed above. Instructors from outside of the neighborhood, who have not been granted permission to do so, will not be allowed to reserve courts via our reservation system.
7. Court reservations for ALTA and USTA matches may be made several weeks in advance by the respective team captains. Other matches, T2, K-Swiss, and League Tennis are to be signed up for as casual use. In the event of conflict, ALTA and or USTA matches will take precedence over the other leagues. Please refer to the next section for ALTA and USTA scheduled league play.
8. Teams may reserve only two courts per week for their match play. Captains are responsible for all reservations, and should not allow team members to reserve additional courts on their own. Any player who circumvents this rule will lose access to our reservation system.
9. On the day of your team play, if there is a free court and not reserved, then a team may then reserve and take a third court. If there are 2 teams playing at the courts, then both captains can decide who gets the third court by flipping a coin. Under no circumstance can a team reserve a third court in advance.
10. Requests for reserving the courts for social activities, round robin tournaments, summer camps, etc. must be submitted to the Tennis Committee for approval. The Tennis Committee alone has the right to reserve the courts for such events.

League Play

1. League play and practice schedules will be posted and will supersede all reservations and walk-on play. League play will have access to the courts 15 minutes before the scheduled start of match play.
2. League practices are only allowed during the scheduled practice times, which are approved by the Tennis Chairman at the captains meeting prior to the beginning of each season.
3. Team lessons must be held during scheduled practice times.
4. League practice will consist of 2 hours on 2 courts per week per team, and will begin no more than two weeks prior to the start of the season. Practice time cannot be split into two shorter sessions. Teams who make the playoffs may maintain their practice night and time for only as long as the team remains in the playoffs.
5. Team practices will be held on courts 3, 4, 5 and 6.
6. Junior team practices will be allowed on weekends as long as league matches are not in play.

7. All teams are open to any residents of Shakerag. Residents cannot be refused from participating in league play. Shakerag residents interested in joining a team should call either their respective Tennis Committee member, or contact the Tennis Chairman.
8. Captains are required to submit a copy of their roster, all non-resident fees, and the schedule for the upcoming season to the Tennis Committee at the captains meeting, which will be held prior to the season. Failure to submit a copy of the roster and non-resident fees at that time will result in the team being denied use of the facility for league activity, including practice and matches. If needed, a letter will be sent to ALTA or USTA to inform them that said team does not have permission to use the facility.
9. All new team formation requests must be submitted to the Tennis Committee for approval prior to the captains meeting. Failure to inform the Tennis Committee in advance will result in said team being denied use of the facility for league activity, including practice and matches.
10. The captain is responsible for any damages that occur during their match. Captains are responsible for ensuring that both the clubhouse and courts are cleaned after the match, which includes emptying the courtside garbage pails and returning the large garbage bins to their holding area.
11. Team captains are responsible for making sure that team members have read the tennis rules. Rules can be obtained from the Tennis Committee.
12. Make-up matches should not interfere with previously scheduled league practices or matched or non-league reservations. Whenever possible, make-up matches SHOULD be scheduled during the teams regular practice time. Matches are allowed to continue until completion. A captain may schedule a make-up match as many days in advance as necessary. The reservation should be identified as a "League Make-UP Match".
13. Teams are limited to six women's, six men's, and six mixed doubles teams per season. IN the event that more teams want to play, a lottery conducted by the Tennis Committee will be held during the preseason meeting.

Start Times for League Play

Thursday Women	ALTA	Spring & Fall	Thursday – 9:30 AM
Saturday Men	ALTA	Spring & Fall	Saturday – 9:00 AM
Sunday Women	ALTA	Spring & Fall	Sunday – 1:00 PM
Junior Girls (U-18)	ALTA	Spring & Fall	Saturday – 1:00 PM
Junior Boys (U-18)	ALTA	Spring & Fall	Saturday – 3:00 PM
Mixed Doubles	ALTA	Winter	Sunday – 1:00 PM
Mixed Doubles	ALTA	Summer	Saturday – 9:00 AM
Senior Women (over 45)	ALTA	Summer	Thursday – 6:30 PM
Senior Men (over 45)	ALTA	Summer	Friday – 6:00 PM
Senior Mixed (over 45)	ALTA	Winter	Saturday – 10:00 AM
Men	USTA	Summer	Sunday – 4:30 PM
Women	USTA	Summer	Sunday – 12:30 PM

Non-Residents

1. Non-residents are not allowed on Shakerag courts unless a resident is present.
2. The resident to non-resident ratio on all teams must be 85% or greater. Non-residents must pay a \$30 non-resident fee per season; all fees are due at the captains meeting prior to the start of the season. Exceptions must be requested in advance and can be granted by the Tennis Committee.

3. Non-residents who are delinquent from a prior season may not play again until all fees are brought current.
4. Non-residents may be added if they are necessary to reach the minimum level to form a team.
5. Residents are to be considered for team participation before non-residents

General Court Rules

1. Use of the tennis courts at Shakerag is limited to residents in good standing, and their guests.
2. Court hours are from 7 AM to 11 PM daily. Lights will automatically turn off at 11 PM.
3. Proper tennis attire is required at all times. Only non-marking rubber soled shoes are permitted. Shirts are required at all times.
4. No bicycles, strollers, roller skates, skateboards, scooters, chairs, radio-controlled cars, or similar devices are allowed on the courts at any time.
5. Tennis courts are for tennis play only. For safety reasons, anyone not playing tennis should not be on the courts. Those waiting to play must remain outside the courts until their time to play.
6. No other sporting activities are permitted to play on the tennis courts.
7. Do not abuse the tennis nets, court surface, or any tennis related equipment. Anyone caught damaging any Shakerag Tennis related structure will face legal action.
8. No glass containers, food, or smoking materials are permitted on the courts at any time.
9. No pets are allowed on the courts at any time.
10. People/teams using the tennis pavilion are responsible for cleaning the area after use.
11. Damage to the facility is the responsibility of the member(s) involved. Parents are responsible for payment for any damage to the tennis facility / equipment done by their children.

Tennis Etiquette

1. Wait until play has stopped before crossing behind other players or retrieving a ball. Return balls for other players whenever possible.
2. Avoid loud conversation, abusive or foul language, or any other actions that may distract players during their match. This also applies to non players immediately outside the fence, and anyone on the adjacent basketball court.
3. When people are waiting, please yield the court when your reservation is expired.
4. No radios are allowed on the courts.
5. All trash should be deposited in the trash bin at courtside. This includes all empty cans and lids, old balls, and any other residual garbage created during play.
6. Especially at night, be aware of noise levels that may bother nearby residents.
7. No racquet throwing or smashing of any part of the tennis facility.
8. Keep all gates closed during and after play.
9. All players must conduct their behavior in accordance to USTA and ALTA Rules of Conduct. Complaints will be reviewed by the Tennis Committee to determine appropriate action. Individuals who violate the rules and regulations will be subject to one written warning. Continued violations will result in written notice suspending the individual from USTA or ALTA team play in the Shakerag facility.