

## **Steeplechase Tennis Rules (Revised October 2014)**

### GENERAL RULES

1. Court hours: Courts 1, 2, 3 & 4 - 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Latest sign up time should be no later than 9:00 PM.
2. Members must register at [www.reservemycourt.com](http://www.reservemycourt.com) before playing tennis.
3. Only Steeplechase Recreation Facility members and their guests may play tennis on courts. Guests must be from outside Steeplechase subdivision. No more than three guests per member. An individual member is limited to one court at a time. Guests must play on the members' court. Exceptions will be considered on an individual basis with a written petition to the Facility board.
4. Each membership is entitled to TWO ADVANCE SIGN UP reservations per WEEK (this means per household.) If you are not on your reserved court by 15 minutes past your reservation time, your reservation is forfeited. If your time is rained out, you may sign up again. If you miss your play time for other reasons, your reservation is lost.
5. Courts 1,2,and 3 may be reserved up to 14 days in advance. Court 4 is a walk-on court.
6. Sign-up at [www.reservemycourt.com](http://www.reservemycourt.com).
7. Violation of sign up rules may result in forfeiture of reservation privileges at the discretion of the Facility Board of Directors.
8. Playing times: 2 hours for singles or doubles. If no one is waiting or scheduled to play at the end of that time, you may continue play.
9. Only those playing tennis are allowed on courts. Infants and children who are not playing are not permitted on the courts at any time.
10. Proper tennis attire must be worn at all times on the courts.
11. Flat sole tennis shoes ONLY will be worn on the courts. No street, jogging or dark soled shoes allowed on the courts. Any shoe that may damage the surface is prohibited.
12. No jumping of the nets, this is dangerous and can damage nets.

13. No glass allowed on the courts. All food brought onto the court area should be eaten at the player's seating area. All glass items should be kept outside the fence. Players should make sure the court trash can is emptied after play.
14. Tennis courts to be used to play tennis only.
15. No bicycles, skateboards or any other wheeled vehicle allowed on or around the courts.
16. Members and their guests are asked to properly discard tops of ball cans and other trash in the container provided.
17. Children under the age of 16 may not hold tennis courts after 6:00 p.m. on weekdays or weekends. They must relinquish court to adults upon request at those times. Children under 16 may use court 4 for 1-hour intervals, at which time they will not be required to relinquish the court. League play and/or team practices will take priority in all circumstances.
18. After using the roll-dri to dry the court, please be sure that the roll-dri is turned on end and squeezed out. This removes debris from the sponge and prolongs its' life. Never leave it to dry sitting on the court. Please hang it up on the fence.
19. Please turn off the lights when you leave and make sure all bathrooms are locked, unless there is another player using the courts after you. Make sure bathroom lights are off and ensure doors and gates are closed and locked.

#### ALTA/USTA PLAY

1. An open invitation must be extended to all members of Steeplechase Recreation Facility. For specific details, see "Formation of Teams" - #4 below.
2. A copy of the official team roster, schedule and all outsider fees (\$35 / player) must be paid to the tennis director before the season starts or court privileges may be suspended including matches. Outsider fees must be paid prior to an outside player playing a match.
3. Practice times must be coordinated through the Tennis Director. All team practices must be on Monday through Friday nights or on weekdays. When teams are formed, a drawing will be held to determine practice times. The team with #1 will have first choice on practice times, the team with #2 will have second choice, etc. If two teams want the same practice time, the team with the lowest number will have priority. Saturday and Sunday nights are reserved for open play. Teams can practice only on courts 1 and 2, unless under special circumstances which are approved by the Board of Directors...

4. Courts 3 and 4 may be scheduled for home matches when 2 Steeplechase teams are home on the same day. A team may use Court 3 when only one team is playing at home. This will be scheduled for the time the first 2 lines begin their matches and will be used for 1 line of play only. Court 4 must be left available for walk on play. After 15 minutes, court 4 may be used if no other members are using the court. Captains are asked to make sure that the courts are uncluttered when practice is over.

5. Each neighborhood league team will consist of a minimum of eight (8) neighborhood facility members with no more than five (5) outside the neighborhood players added to constitute a team. Exceptions will be considered on an individual basis with a written petition to the Facility Board.

6. The number of team sign up sheets will be determined by court availability. For example, the maximum number of teams for summer play is four junior teams, four weekday women's teams, four business women's teams, four men's teams and four mixed doubles teams.

7. Members should sign up for a team that is appropriate for their level of play. Members may contact the tennis director for information on teams if needed. Players are encouraged to move to a higher or lower level if the desired level is over-crowded.

8. If there are 14 facility members on a team, no outside player may be added unless agreed upon by 60% vote of that team. A fee of \$35.00 will be charged to each outside player per league season.

9. SHRA Members shall be given the opportunity to play as many or more matches as outside players. (For example, Sam singles is an outside player and Dan Doubles is a member player. Captains shall not schedule Sam Singles to play every week and play Dan Doubles only 2-3 times during the season when Dan Doubles is available to play).

10. Rained out matches will have priority over scheduled practice time, as well as open play time. We encourage teams to try to use their practice times for a make-up match; however, when it is necessary to use another team's time, it is the responsibility of the captain to contact the captain of the team that will be affected and also coordinate those matches through the Tennis Director. If a team takes the practice time of another team for a make-up match, the team doing the make-up match will offer the other team their practice time.

11. Captains will be issued a letter covering their responsibilities.

12. All teams must abide by the ALTA/USTA rules.

13. League play may continue past 11pm if needed. Captain must contact Tennis Director to override the timer for the lights when this will be needed.

## FORMATION OF TEAMS

1. All facility members shall have the right to move upward to any team. Any member wishing to move more than 2 levels lower should follow the ALTA/USTA guidelines by “sitting out” one year [2 seasons] unless the receiving team holds a meeting to validate vote – either present or signed proxy- by 100% of team members – requiring 60% of the team to allow the movement.
2. Outsiders may not be added to a team until after sign-ups in accordance to rules 5 & 6 above.
3. Formation of new teams must be coordinated with the Tennis Director.

## INDIVIDUAL LEAGUE TENNIS (T2, LEAGUE TENNIS, etc.,)

1. SRHA members may use their weekly allotment of signups to schedule individual League matches using ReserveMyCourt.com. Please note in the reservation which league this is for so that other members will know that match play may extend beyond the sign up time.
2. Individual League matches shall not take precedence over team practice. All members shall allow Individual League matches to finish in the event that the Individual League Match extends past the time allotment.