

Warwick Yacht & Country Club
Tennis Court Rules

ARTICLE 1 - GENERAL

Sec. 1. Shoes

- a. All players are required to use either a smooth-soled tennis shoe or an approved tennis shoe with a herringbone or slit-type sole, which has been specifically designed for tennis play.
- b. No rubber-soled shoes with a heel of any type are permitted.
- c. Ordinary basketball-type tennis shoes with treads or suction-type soles, flip-flops, barefeet, or stocking feet are NOT approved.

Sec. 2. Attire

Proper tennis attire is required.

Sec. 3. Decorum

Players are encouraged to learn and observe tennis etiquette and specifically the following:

- a. Players should not cross any court while other players are occupying the same.
- b. Players should go to outside fence to reach far courts to avoid distracting those involved in play.
- c. When necessary to cross one court to reach another court, such crossing should be done at the rear of court occupied, close to the fence, and only at such time when play is not actually in progress.
- d. When a ball goes into an adjacent or other court, players shall not distract or interfere with other players in retrieving such balls, but shall wait until play has stopped on such affected court. Players can anticipate assistance from other courts in returning loose balls and such assistance should be freely and courteously given.
 - i. Spectators should avoid distracting remarks and conduct whenever serious play is involved.
 - ii. No trash or cigarette butts should be left on courts or side areas.

Sec. 4. Gates at courts to be locked

Except when actually in use, all gates to the tennis courts shall be kept locked. Members desiring to play tennis may obtain a key at the office or at the bar downstairs in the clubhouse. The last person using the courts shall see that all gates are locked.

ARTICLE 2 – GUEST REGULATIONS

Sec. 1. Local Guests

- a. Local is defined as a resident of Newport News, Hampton, Poquoson, York County, James City County or the City of Williamsburg. There will be a charge of \$2.00 per person. The member is permitted not more than three guests and the member shall be on the court with the guest(s); the latter are expected to comply with all tennis rules applicable. The guest fee will be charged to the member's account.

Sec. 2 Out-of-Town Guests

- a. Out-of-town guests are permitted at any time, subject to the limitations in (c) below.
- b. Out-of-town means non-local residents. See Sec. 1. Guests should be properly registered with the Club Manager and should indicate on the guest slip, their place of residence.
- c. Such courtesy use shall be limited to fourteen (14) consecutive days.

ARTICLE 3 – COURT USE AND ROTATION

Sec. 1 Numbering of Courts

Tennis courts are numbered from west to east (from river to road) as courts 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Sec. 2 Waiting List

When courts are filled, persons waiting to play will sign their names on a waiting list provided at courtside and indicate the court desired. If there is no one to maintain this list, players should proceed on a first-come, first-served basis, including those who have already been on court. When a waiting list is used only, one court will be indicated by players at any one time.

Sec. 3 Court for Singles

- a. When courts are filled, only one court shall be used for singles play. If no one is waiting to play doubles, singles may go onto more than one court.
- b. Waiting doubles take preference for the next available court. If there is one singles in progress, waiting singles go onto that court when that singles play is ended. If no doubles are waiting, and one doubles game finishes and the other courts are full, the doubles just finished must relinquish to singles – but gets the next available court, if they are first in line at courtside.

Sec. 4. Warm-up Period

When players are waiting, the warm-up period will be limited to five (5) minutes.

Sec. 5 Length of Play

When people are waiting to play, those on court shall limit their play to one (1) set or if they are not keeping score, to a period not to exceed thirty (30) minutes.

Sec. 6 Deuce Set

Either the 9-point or the 12-point tie-breaker will be used when the games are at six (6) all and others are waiting to play.

Sec. 7 Priority for Adults

Juniors will be accorded full privileges Mondays through Fridays until 5:00 p.m. After 5:00 p.m. during the week and all day on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, waiting adults will have preference for the first available court. Juniors will have the privilege, however, to play anytime a court is available and no adults are waiting. Juniors will also be permitted to play at anytime when participating with an adult member. Juniors beginning a set when no adult is waiting will be allowed to complete the set before yielding the court. At no time should juniors, who have gone on a court

under the above provisions, be asked to yield the court prior to the completion of the set. A junior, for the purposes of this rule, is defined as anyone under the age of sixteen (16).

ARTICLE 4 – LADDER MATCHES, INTRA-CLUB AND INTER-CLUB TOURNAMENTS

Sec. 1 Courts Reserved

All courts may be reserved for tournaments and for inter-club matches when they are scheduled throughout the year. Such schedules may be authorized only by the Tennis Committee or its chairman and notice will normally be given by means of the Club bulletin or by notice on the courtside bulletin board. Failure to provide prior notice, however, will not invalidate the reservation if authorized by the Tennis Committee or chairman.

Sec. 2 Ladder Challenge Matches

Club members playing in Ladder Challenge Matches shall indicate this fact when signing up for courts (if the sign-up list is being maintained). To determine the winner of such matches, the best two out of three sets may be employed with a tie-breaker used at six (6) games all. Ladder Challenge Matches (which involve singles) may be played on any court for the number of sets required without interruption for purposes of normal court rotation.

ARTICLE 5 – REBOUND BOARD

Sec. 1 Use of Rebound Board

The use of the rebound board is limited to such times as no people are waiting to use the court affected.

ARTICLE 6 – FEES

Sec. 1 Payment of Fees

No one shall use the tennis courts without first having paid all applicable fees.

ARTICLE 7 – FAILURE TO ABIDE BY RULES

Failure to abide by these rules could result in disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.