

SaddleBrooke Tennis Club (STC) RULES

Rules for administering effective and equitable court reservations for the benefit of all SaddleBrooke One and SaddleBrooke Two residents and their guests. The Rules apply to both regular tennis and POP tennis. Both are sanctioned by the USTA.

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Organization of Rules

These Rules have three major sections. The first provides definitions of terms with specific meanings. The second outlines rules applicable to all SaddleBrooke residents and the third pertains to SaddleBrooke Tennis Club exclusively.

The Rules apply to the following facilities:

SaddleBrooke One: The eight tennis courts and the Tennis Center are owned by SaddleBrooke One and operate under the jurisdiction of SaddleBrooke One. Courts striped for POP Tennis are available for both tennis and POP tennis.

MountainView, DesertView and The Preserve The twelve courts at the three sites are owned by SaddleBrooke Two and operate under the jurisdiction of SaddleBrooke Two. All twelve courts are striped for POP Tennis and are available for both tennis and POP tennis.

Definitions

Default time: ten minutes. Courts not claimed within ten minutes are considered open courts.

Group Tennis Programs. Programs that require scheduling of multiple courts over more than one day.

Hours of Tennis Court Use: sunrise to 10:00 pm.

League Play: USTA, Interclub and others.

Non-adjacent courts: courts not sharing a dividing fence are non-adjacent. The Mountain View courts are non-adjacent.

Non-prime Time: all hours other than the first six hours of scheduled play. Scheduled sessions are in two-hour increments except for those using ball machines or the backboard, which are in one-hour increments.

Open Courts: courts not reserved. Open courts are available for play by all residents of SaddleBrooke.

Open Play: Wednesday and Sunday courts are assigned utilizing the lottery signup on the STC website.

Organized Play: matches scheduled by an STC Tennis Coordinator for club members during Prime Time according to the following schedule: Women's Doubles on Monday and Friday, Men's Doubles on Tuesday and Thursday and Mixed Doubles on Saturday.

POP Tennis: POP Tennis is a scaled down version of tennis. The rackets are shorter and smaller than tennis rackets. A deflated ball is used. It has the same scoring and rules as tennis with the exception of serving. POP tennis players are allowed one underhand serve. Scoring and rules are established by the USTA (United States Tennis Association) and are available by contacting the USTA.

POP Tennis Courts: POP Tennis play is limited to striped courts at SaddleBrooke One and all courts at SaddleBrooke Two.

Prime Time: the first six hours of scheduled play. Prime time consists of three two-hour sessions. The starting hour for Prime Time is seasonally adjusted.

SaddleBrooke Resident: any SaddleBrooke One and SaddleBrooke Two Member/Homeowner, Permanent Resident, Renter or Guest who meets the requirements of the Homeowner Rules and Regulations.

STC Member: a SaddleBrooke resident who has paid the appropriate dues to the STC.

STC Non-Member: a SaddleBrooke resident who is not a current member of the STC.

STC Events: events sponsored by the STC to benefit its members and increase interest in tennis throughout the SaddleBrooke community. Examples include club and interclub socials, the Club Championships, Team Tennis and STC Charity Event. Only STC Members in good standing are eligible to participate in the tennis portion of STC Events. Any exception must be designated and approved by the STC Board.

Tennis: A racket sport that can be played individually against a single opponent (singles) or between two teams of two players each (doubles) and is played on a rectangular court. Scoring and rules are established by the USTA (United States Tennis Association) and are available by contacting the USTA.

Tennis Center: building at the SaddleBrooke courts. Use and operation is managed by the General Manager of SaddleBrooke One in cooperation with the SaddleBrooke One Tennis Committee and the SaddleBrooke Tennis Club (STC). Phone number: 520-825-0255. Hours of operation are seasonally adjusted.

Tennis Coordinator: person responsible for scheduling all tennis courts. Tennis Coordinators maintain the master schedule of court reservations. Coordinators are employees of and paid by SaddleBrooke One. SaddleBrooke One is reimbursed for coordinator compensation by the STC through STC member dues.

Tennis Dress: rubber-soled, non-marking footwear designed for tennis court play; skirts, dresses, shorts, shirts, sleeved tee shirts or sleeveless/cap sleeved shirts specifically designed for tennis. Tube tops, bare midriffs, halter tops, swimsuits, muscle shirts and the like are inappropriate.

General Tennis Rules

Authorized Use of Tennis Courts: Use of the courts is limited to SaddleBrooke One and SaddleBrooke Two Homeowners, Permanent Residents, Renters or Guests. Non-residents may use the facilities when invited to participate in League Play as a member of a visiting team.

Ball Machines and Backboard: Ball machines are available at the SaddleBrooke and Mountain View sites. There is a backboard at The Preserve site. These practice aids are scheduled by the Tennis Coordinators in one hour increments and may not be reserved during Prime Time more than two days in advance. Ball machine use during Prime Time is limited to Court 13 at the Mountain View site. Neither aid may be use if Organized Play, League Play or an STC Event is scheduled on an adjacent court. The Tennis Coordinators can provide the combinations to the locked cages in which the ball machines are stored.

Block Time: Court reservations for consecutive two-hour sessions are prohibited.

Clinics: See Lessons.

Court Maintenance: Scheduled or emergency court maintenance takes priority over any other use of a court.

Enforcement of Tennis Rules: Violation of these Rules is subject to citation and enforcement in accordance with the respective SaddleBrooke One and SaddleBrooke Two Rules and Regulations.

Group Tennis Programs: Any SaddleBrooke resident, club or organization (sponsor) may request a group tennis program. The program must be approved by the Tennis Committee and be scheduled by the Tennis Coordinators at the Tennis Center. Such programs may not be scheduled before the third session of Prime Time.

Guest Use: Resident households may reserve one court per day for Guest Use. The Tennis Coordinator may make exceptions depending on court availability. An adult must accompany guests under eighteen years of age when they are using a court.

League Play: USTA leagues and Interclub teams are not sponsored by SaddleBrooke One or SaddleBrooke Two or the STC. League play is supported by allowing matches to be scheduled during Prime Time, including during sessions of Organized Play. Court reservations for League Play must be made for the entire season at the time the captains receive their schedules. Participation on SaddleBrooke teams in league play is limited to SaddleBrooke One and SaddleBrooke Two residents, who must be current STC members. A team roster must be submitted with the application for court reservations. During Organized Play women receive priority on Monday and Friday, men on Tuesday and Thursday and mixed doubles on Saturday. USTA and Interclub Teams requesting courts before the third session of prime time will not be scheduled on SaddleBrooke Courts 1 – 8 unless OP requires 5 courts or less. Two hours are allotted for matches, but league matches will be played to conclusion regardless of reservations. Captains may request warm up courts the day before a home match by contacting the STC Tennis Coordinator for availability. When available, warm up courts will be scheduled one-half hour prior to the start of a league play match.

Lessons: Tennis Professionals pay a usage fee to conduct fee-based lessons or clinics using SaddleBrooke One and SaddleBrooke Two tennis facilities. Professionals must first register and sign a contract with the controlling HOA. Court reservations can be made by the SaddleBrooke One or SaddleBrooke Two resident student or the Tennis Professional. Participation is limited to SaddleBrooke One and SaddleBrooke Two Residents. Lessons and clinics during Prime Time will be limited to the Mountain View courts and are scheduled in one-hour increments.

Open Courts: Open courts are available on a first-come basis. When the Tennis Center is open, walk-on players must contact the Tennis Coordinator for court assignments. When the Tennis Center is closed, players must honor the court reservation schedule posted on the STC web site.

Parking at the Tennis Center: Parking adjacent to the SaddleBrooke One Tennis Center is for golf cart, bicycle, moped and motorcycle parking only.

Pets: Pets, except for those specifically trained to assist the handicapped (and are so identified), are not allowed in any SaddleBrooke One or SaddleBrooke Two facility. Pets must be kept on a leash and be under the control of the pet owner. No pets are allowed in the Tennis Center, on the tennis courts, or in areas where food is being served. In the vicinity of the courts, pets must be leashed and controlled in a manner that is not disruptive to players or spectators while play is in progress.

Playing Time Limit: Play is for a maximum of two hours when others are waiting, except for League Play or STC Events. Similarly, ball machines and backboard usage is limited to one hour.

Restricted Use of Tennis Courts: Use of the courts is restricted to tennis.

Scheduling System: Courts are reserved, and matches made by the Tennis Coordinators according to the following order:

- 1) Organized Play (during Prime Time)
- 2) Non-member residents (three courts as requested)
- 3) League Play
- 4) STC Events

SaddleBrooke Tennis Club (STC)

Membership: There are three types of STC membership Regular, Associate, Social.

- Regular members pay full annual dues and are entitled to all benefits and activities offered by the club. For first time members joining after August 31st, the annual membership dues are prorated at one half the current rate of full membership. New members must participate in the Player Rating System.
- Associate members pay one-half the annual dues and are eligible to participate in Organized Play and STC events. Associate membership is limited to short-term renters (three months maximum) or guests. New members must participate in the Player Rating System.

- Social members pay one-half of the annual dues and support the STC and attend STC social events. Social members may not participate in Organized Play or play in STC events.

All members (Regular, Associate, Social) may attend STC meetings and are eligible to vote at membership meetings.

Player Rating System: The STC Player Rating System is solely for the purposes of Organized Play and STC Events. The STC Board has the authority to implement, monitor and maintain the Player Rating System as approved by the membership.

Organized Play: Organized Play is the primary focus of the SaddleBrooke Tennis Club. It gives a member the opportunity to play with and against players of comparable ability. A computerized system creates matches from the list of players signing up on the club website.

Eligibility: Only STC members, their nonresident guests (limited to one per member) may participate in Organized Play. STC members have first priority followed by nonresident guests.

Sign-up: Sign-ups are made on the club website.

Pairing and Court Assignments: The Tennis Coordinators post the pairings on the website.

Courts: All courts are reserved for Organized Play use during Prime Time for the five days of Organized Play. Requests for exceptions may be made for: (1) League Play, (2) STC Events and (3) Non-member use.

Non-member Use: In each Organized Play session, three courts are available for use by Non-Member Residents though exceptions can be made for STC Events. Court reservations can be made through the Tennis Center up to one week in advance. STC Members are prohibited from using a Non-Member reserved court. Non-members are prohibited from playing on a court reserved by an STC member in each Organized Play session.

Cancellation: Participants who find it necessary to cancel a sign-up, should remove their names from the website sign-up or call the Tennis Coordinator prior to midnight two days prior to the play day. After that time, if it is necessary to cancel, participants should make every effort to find a substitute. In case of an emergency, a message can be left on the Tennis Center answering machine. Repeated cancellations will be treated as a “no show” and subject to the No Show Policy.

No Show Policy: By signing up for Organized Play, STC members make a firm commitment to play for the full session. Other players are depending on all scheduled players in order to have a match. Obviously, emergencies or last-minute illnesses mitigate this obligation. However, members must make a good faith effort to notify the Tennis Coordinator as soon as the inability to play arises. A player must make every effort to find a substitute, using the alternate list on the STC website as a resource. Unexcused “no shows” will receive a warning for the first failure to appear. A second “no show” within twelve months will result in a one-month suspension of Organized Play privileges.

Early Departure: Organized Play is a two-hour commitment. Players are expected to play the full two hours barring illness, injury or similar emergency.

Member Guests: A non-member resident may experience Organized Play once each year if sponsored by a member. The sponsoring member is responsible for the conduct of the guest, determining the appropriate level of play and assisting the Tennis Coordinator in arranging the match. Guests do not have priority over STC members.

Open Courts within Prime-Time Hours: When Open Courts are available during Prime Time, priority will be given to women on Monday and Friday, to men on Tuesday and Thursday and to mixed doubles on Saturday.

STC Events: With the exception of one day events, such as socials, STC Events that utilize courts in Non-prime Time must receive prior approval by SaddleBrooke One Tennis Committee. Only STC Members in good standing are eligible to participate in STC Events.