

## **TENNIS RULES**

### **River Strand Golf and Country Club**

May 17, 2017

Members and their guests shall have the right to use the Country Club Courts at any time the tennis courts are open. The operating hours are daily from 8 am to 10 pm. Variations of time will depend on the season, weather and utilization of the facility. Courts are not to be used when nets are lowered.

#### **General**

1. The United States Tennis Association code shall govern play.
2. Playing guests must be registered by a member or transferee .
3. Courts are not to be used for any purpose other than tennis, unless authorized by the Director of Tennis.

#### **Guest fee policies:**

1. Outside guest fees are \$10 per player in season (Nov 1-April 30) and \$5 per player May 1 to Oct 31. There will be no fee for house guests of members.
2. A member may register outside guests for no more than 4 time slots per month. There is no limit on house guest play.
3. There is no limit on how many times a guest can take lessons and clinics.
4. If payment is not made at the time of play, the member sponsoring the guest will be billed for their guest's fees.
5. Until the reservation system is upgraded to allow members to schedule their guests, members must call the pro shop to register guest(s) at the time that a court is reserved or participation in an event is scheduled.
6. Members may sign up guests two days in advance for organized events. Guests will not be bumped by members wishing to sign up after this cutoff.

#### **Club Program Policies**

For Morning Doubles, Tuesday Men's Night, Thursday Mixed Night, Sunday Men's Morning Doubles, if you must take your name off the participant lists for these events, you must do so by the following times: Morning doubles 5:30 pm the evening before, Evening doubles 1 pm the day of.

Failure to participate for the above events after reserving space without removing your reservation by the designated cut off time slots or arranging for a substitute (any club member) will result in a written warning for the 1<sup>st</sup> occurrence and the 2<sup>nd</sup> will result in a 2 week suspension from the type of event for which you did not appear. You may be able to arrange for a member of the staff to substitute for you, but, please, remember that they may already be filling out a set, have another client or have to remain in the Pro Shop.

## **Court Reservation policies**

1. All members and guests are required to use the court reservation system provided. Players without reserved court time are always welcome, but are required to check in with the pro shop . Court reservations can be made by calling the Tennis Pro Shop at 941-932-8680 or online at: <http://www.makeclubreservations.com> code: **river1**
2. You are allowed to make social reservations 72 hours in advance. Please include all the players in your group on the reservation block.
3. Players are asked to confirm their reservation with the pro shop prior to entering the court. Players without reserved court time will be asked to relinquish any court which has been previously reserved by another group
4. Reservations are limited to 1.5 hours. Additional time cannot be added by using a different name to the original reservation. However, the pro staff may work with the group to determine if there is an open court available to accommodate additional time requested
5. Event registrations can be made as soon as the Tennis staff opens the registrations, for example, morning doubles is entered 7 days in advance, bookings can begin immediately.
6. Reservations for activities like team practices or regular play by a floating group of players may be made the same number of days in advance as social reservations. Each group will appoint an administrator. This individual will be given sufficient computer privileges to block one or more court times using a method which will allow individual players to then sign up for the times. It will be the responsibility of the administrator to cancel reservations if a court will not be used. The first failure to do so will result in a warning. The second in revocation of administrator privileges.
7. Players without a reserved court time will be asked to relinquish a court which has been previously reserved by another group. The pro shop staff may rearrange court assignments to accommodate court conditions, league play, etc.
8. The Club Manager or the professional staff may block off times during which the courts will be reserved for men's and women's leagues, maintenance or special functions.
9. For league matches, the maintenance staff will make every effort to brush the courts between 11:30 am and 12 pm in preparation. Warm up courts for these matches may be booked 24 hours in advance.
10. Flex league reservations are recommended to be played during non-prime time hours if possible.

## **Ball machine policies:**

1. Ball machine reservations can be made 48 hours in advance.
2. Ball machine reservations are limited to 1 hour.
3. Ball machine may not be reserved outside of Pro Shop hours.
4. Fees are \$10 per hour or \$100 per year for a Ball Machine Club membership.
5. Court 3 is the preferred court for ball machine reservations, courts 1,2,4, and 5 are the next best courts to use for this.

**Court rules/etiquette:**

1. Tennis shoes are required. No cross trainers, walking shoes, or running shoes.
2. Appropriate tennis clothing must be worn, no cut offs, cargo shorts, midriffs, sports bras without shirt/blouse, jerseys, or bathing suits.
3. Shirts required.
4. All players and spectators must refrain from loud conversations and noises that might distract other players.
5. Players are responsible to close the gates and turn off the lights after play.
6. Only River Strand Tennis Professional Staff are allowed to give lessons on the property unless given direct permission from the Director of Tennis.
7. Sports drinks and snacks that meet the dietary requirements of individuals may be brought and consumed on court sidelines.