

TENNIS RULES

River Strand Golf and Country Club

July 2, 2018

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. Both members and guests are required to check in with the Tennis Center prior to playing tennis. If the member or guest is 12 years old or younger, an adult member must remain with the younger player except when the younger player is taking lessons or participating in clinics at which time the younger player will be under the direct supervision of the tennis pro.
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 recommended to the Board by the Director of Racquet Sports and must be approved by the Board prior to implementation. Fees may vary by season.
2. Any individual guest must be registered by a member and may play no more than four times per month except that sanctioned league matches do not count toward the four times.
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.

When a member who has signed up for Morning Doubles, Tuesday Men's Night, Thursday Mixed Night, or Sunday Men's Morning Doubles, and needs to cancel the reservation does not properly cancel his/her reservation 24 hours in advance, the member will be referred to the Compliance Committee for enforcement of this infraction. The first occurrence would result in a written reminder and the second occurrence may result in a penalty that includes 2 weeks suspension of use rights, as determined by the Compliance Committee, the Board, and the Appeals/Fining Committee. Members may arrange for another member or a member of the staff to substitute for them, however the staff 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.salixreservation.com>
2. Members are allowed to make social reservations 72 hours in advance. Please include all the players in the group on the reservation block.
3. Players need to check in and present their card 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, and then 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 will apply for the use of the ball machine and for membership in the Ball Machine Club. When appropriate, the Director of Racquet Sports will recommend changes to the fee schedule to the Board for their approval.
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, midriiffs, 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 Racquet Sports.
7. Sports drinks and snacks that meet the dietary requirements of individuals may be brought and consumed on court sidelines.
8. Any alcohol beverage being consumed on the club premises must be purchased from the club.