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Dear members.

After several requests and on court incidents pertaining to the 3 ball rule the Board of the NYTA WTC have voted to allow hoppers on a trial basis. **Members Only** will be permitted to reserve a court for use with a club supplied hopper and balls. This however does not lift the 3 ball rule for other courts. There will be rules that must be abided by in order to make this trial work and not affect the enjoyment of the facility by other members.

The ultimate goal of the club is to increase the enjoyment of the game for all players at all levels and practice is a big part of the enjoyment. We hope that the members will not abuse this trial policy. This new trial is for the enjoyment of members **not guests or public**. The success of this will depend on members following the rules setup to limit the effect on other members.

As this is a trial, the rules will be amended until such time as we have a complete set of rules.

Some basic information on Hopper Court Availability.

- the club will provide 1 hopper with 40 balls at both the North and East clubs and 2 hoppers at the South
- available Monday to Friday at 7am, 8am, 3pm, 6pm, 10pm and 11pm
- Available Saturdays after 4pm
- regular compression tennis balls will be supplied and identified for easy collection
- the hopper will be of a size that can be easily carried through revolving door
- members must sign a release at the front desk
- must start picking up balls at the **<u>1st buzzer.</u>**
- not having court cleared of balls at the change over time will immediate prevent you from booking a hopper court for the remainder of the season
- available to members only (no guests or public use)
- for use by 1 or 2 members only (no groups)
- no outside coaching
- you must use tennis etiquette and practice serves must go into a corner away from the nearest court
- abuse of these rules will suspend your right to book a hopper court
- Please respect the rights of all members

We hope that this initiative will help with members getting a little extra practice time. A complete set of rules and a waiver will be posted on the website and at each site. In order to help speed up the process at check in time, members are requested to show up a little early to complete the waiver or download one off the website and hand to Desk clerk.

Sincerely,

Dave Duguay