

SALTAIRE YACHT CLUB TENNIS RULES

These rules attempt to cover general situations; the Tennis Committee will settle any questions regarding interpretation of the Rules or situations not covered. Courtesy and cooperation of members toward each other are the guiding principles.

The courts are for the exclusive use of tennis members and their houseguests. They are open, weather permitting, daily from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Playtime is divided into one-hour sessions. The Tennis Pro or Tennis Committee will determine the playability of the courts.

Players are required to wear appropriate tennis attire and proper clay court tennis sneakers; e.g. bathing suits, leotards, cleats, bare feet are not permitted.

I DEFINITIONS:

“In-Season” runs from mid-June (exact date to be determined each year by the Tennis Committee) through Labor Day weekend.

The “Weekend” runs from Friday 3 P.M. to Sunday 5 P.M. including holidays.

“Midweek” runs from Sunday 5 P.M. to Friday 3 P.M. excluding holidays.

“Adult” members are age 17 and up.

“Minor” members are

Youth (Y) ages 13-16

Child (C) ages 7-12

PeeWee (P) ages 4-6.

In a “Full member” household:

Adult members may play any time;

Minors may play Midweek and with an Adult member on Weekends.

In a “Midweek/Off Season” household

Adults may play Midweek and in tournaments in Season and any time Off-Season;

Minors may play Midweek in Season and with an Adult member Weekends Off-Season.

“Reserved” time is member’s initial reserved hour, and additional hour if a second lottery is held.

An “Eligible 8 A.M. player” is one of the first N players to arrive, where N is the number of unreserved 8 A.M. court spots.

A “Repeater” (R) is someone who is playing in addition to his/her reserved times that day (other than at an unreserved 8 A.M. hour).

A “Guest” is someone who is staying at a tennis member’s house. A guest may not be anyone who resides in any community on Fire Island.

“Aggregate tennis time” for a group is the sum of the each individual’s initial reserved time, additional time played, including 8 A.M. “free” hour, lesson time, and tournament time.

A “Phantom” is a patently fictitious player; i.e. someone who is signed up but will not in reality play.

II SIGN-UP:

A. In-Season

1. Sign-Up Time: The lottery is held at 7:15 P.M. every evening on the tennis deck.
2. Appearance: Each game must have a player present at sign-up, who may use all valid priorities for players in that game. If necessary, a member of a player’s household may act as a surrogate provided he/she is representing only one game including his/her own.
3. Priority Tag: Each household has a priority tag to use in the doubles or singles lottery draw. After a priority tag is drawn, names in game are written on the sign-up sheet. None of these names should previously appear on sign-up sheet. Also, if the name of someone in the household is on the sign-up sheet, the household’s priority is deemed to be null and void. (Currently, because of the availability of court time, this last rule has been held in abeyance. However, it will be invoked by the tennis committee as it deems necessary.)
4. Draw for Initial Reserved Hour: After the lesson courts are blocked off, the lottery draw is held as follows:
 - (i) On Fridays and Saturdays:
 - a. Singles for the singles court only, until all time for that court is reserved;
 - b. Doubles;
 - c. Singles on any court.
 - (ii) On Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays:

Tags will be drawn in the ratio of 2:1 for doubles and singles play respectively. Singles signing up in the 2:1 draw must play singles and must sign on singles court if it is open at the desired hour. If a singles game signs up on a doubles court, the designation (S) will be placed at their hour on the sign-up sheet. Violators will be “bumped” from the court and/or forfeit their next playing time.

5. Draw for Second Reserved Hour on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays: if after the first draw, sufficient additional court time is available, there will be a draw for a second reserved hour. These player's names will have a (2) placed after them. In this lottery, tags are drawn as follows:
 - (i) 3 unsigned and 1 signed player;
 - (ii) 2 unsigned and 2 signed players;
 - (iii) 1 unsigned and 3 signed player;
 - (iv) singles with 1 unsigned and 1 signed player;
 - (v) 2:1 draw for doubles and singles with 0 unsigned players.

When the courts are unplayable due to rain, a player who has lost all playing time may replace a player who is signed up to play more than once that day.

6. Loss of Priority due to Lessons and Tournaments: See sections VI and VII below
7. Signing Up Games Without Priority: Games not eligible to be signed up using priority tags, but having eligible players, may be signed up, after completion of the lottery, by placing the names of the eligible players in the game on the sign-up sheet. There must be at least two legitimate names to reserve a court.
8. Lottery Close-Out: If a household is represented at the lottery and none of its members gets an initial reserved hour, that household will be given first choice in the lottery the next weekday or weekend day based on the day the close-out occurred.

B. Off-Season

1. Sign-Up begins at 7:45 A.M. at the court (unless notice is posted advising as to other procedure). A Sign-Up Sheet will be posted at the courts. If there is no sign-up sheet, the members present should prepare their own sheet no earlier than 7:45 a.m. and sign up first come, first signed. Signing up a court prior to 7:45 A.M. will result in forfeiting the court.
2. A member may only sign-up for one hour and only for the game in which that member (or a member of his/her household) is playing. A member may also sign-up for the other players in that game.
3. After 9 A.M., a member or designated representative may sign for any tennis member who has not already signed-up that day.

C. At All Times

1. When signing up singles or doubles, all names (first initial and last name, or both names if two members have same first initial) must be placed on the sign-up sheet.
2. A group signing for a court must have a full complement of eligible players (4 for doubles court, 2 for singles court).
3. Signing-up a "phantom" and replacing that name at the time of play with someone who has previously signed-up that day, will subject all participants to suspension of tennis privileges.
4. Only a singles game may be played on a singles court.
5. A singles game signed on a doubles court is subject to being moved to the singles court if the singles court is available at the same time an eligible doubles game wishes to play.
6. A member who has signed up but cannot use his/her reserved court time must promptly cross off his/her name from Sign-Up sheet or substitute a player who has not previously signed up that day to play. Failure to release court at least ½ hour before reserved time of play will result in a \$25 fine on weekends, \$15 on weekdays..
7. Tournaments take priority over regular play; i.e. if a tournament goes over the scheduled time, players signed up for the court will lose playtime. If more than ½ hour is lost, the signed-up game will have priority the next day.

III 8 A.M. PICK-UP GAME:

- A. Unreserved 8 A.M. courts are considered "free" courts except on "rain" days. Tennis members may play on courts not reserved for 8 A.M. even though they are already signed-up for a reserved court later that day. Play on an "8 A.M. Court" will not count against either the 8 A.M. player's regular hour or as a "Repeater" hour but will count for the purpose of preference in determining aggregate hours an 8 A.M. player has played or is to play that day.
- B. Preference among 8 A.M. players is on a first come, first play basis. Adult members have priority over Minor members; all members have priority over guests. A player must be present and remain present on the tennis deck to obtain the priority.
- C. The eligible 8 A.M. players may choose among themselves for matches, but court selection goes to the 8 A.M. player who arrives first, then to the next arriving 8 A.M. player, etc. The first 8 A.M. player to arrive chooses the court and arranges a game among those eligible N players. The next 8 A.M. Player to arrive, who is not playing in the first game, chooses the second court and arranges a game, and so forth.
- D. A tennis member who does not already have playing time for that day may claim an 8:00 A.M. court over any member who is waiting for the 8:00 A.M. game by asserting his/her priority. This assertion of priority will then constitute the member's reserved hour for that day.

IV ADDITIONAL (REPEATER) PLAYTIME:

Under no circumstances may a repeater sign up until five minutes before the hour!

- .A. Additional playing time may be obtained in the following ways:
 1. An unsigned court.
 2. No show or lateness. If a group of players fail to appear on a reserved court by ten minutes after the designated hour, the court will be available for others.

3. Replacing a no show player: A previously signed player may fill in for a legitimate (not phantom) player who is unable to play.
4. Bumping: see D below.
- B. A repeater **must** place an (R) next to his/her name on the sign-up sheet, not earlier than 5 minutes before the hour of play.
- C. If more than one group is present at 5 minutes before the hour, regardless of who arrived first, a game with a member who has no reserved hour that day has priority over everyone; a doubles game has priority over singles, and the doubles game with the least aggregate tennis time has priority over other groups present. If hours are equal, a "coin toss" is used to determine which group gets the court.
- D. Player(s) may be bumped if:
 1. he/she is a repeater who has violated B above;
 2. they are in a doubles game on a court which was signed up on the singles draw.

V GUESTS:

- A. A guest may play as the guest of only one tennis household on any two/three-day weekend. A guest must play with at least one tennis member, but may be the guest of the tennis member not in the game.
- B. Playing Time Limits: Guest play per tennis household is limited to two/three hours total per two/three day weekend. (Example: A visiting couple may play one hour of doubles per weekend; a visiting individual, two hours per weekend.)
- C. Guest Fees: Guest fees In-Season must be paid at the time of sign-up and are nonrefundable. If the courts are unplayable, fees may be applied to a later date. If a guest is added on the day of play, the fee must be paid that night. A "phantom" guest will be charged for and the signer will be subject to suspension of tennis privileges. The charge per weekend hour, per guest, is \$20, per weekday hour, \$10.
- D. Guest Fees Off-Season: Guest fees Off-Season must be paid to a member of the tennis committee. All outstanding fees must be paid in full prior to the first In-Season sign-up attended. The charge per weekend hour, per guest, is \$15, weekday hour, \$10.

Unpaid guest fees will result in the suspension of the household's priority.

VI LESSONS:

- A. Tennis lessons are for tennis members only; minors may not reserve lesson time on the weekend. If a minor reserves time on the weekend, the minor will forfeit the lesson time and the lesson fee will be given to the club.
- B. Tennis lessons per person, per day, are restricted to a maximum of one hour, except for clinics.
- C. A household with members taking lessons totaling at least one hour is deemed to have used its initial reserved hour that day; its priority tag cannot be used. The household members who do not have one hour lessons may have reserved time that day either by being a participant in a game reserved through the priority of another tennis household, or by placing the names of all eligible players on the sign-up sheet after completion of the lottery. If a second lottery is held, the household priority may be used, and any family members may reserve time.
- D. There will be three lesson sign-up lotteries each Saturday, at noon, for the week starting the next Monday. On each lottery, a household member may sign up for a total of at most one hour, including a maximum of one-half hour on a weekend, provided the weekend hours do not exceed one.. A representative for a household may sign that household up at the end of each lottery. A household may sign up for at most three hours in any week, including one hour on weekends, until Sunday at sign-up. On Sundays, at 7:15 P.M., a household may fill in as many weekday lessons as desired; on the following Friday, a household may sign up for any remaining weekend lessons.
- E. If more than 20 people show up for the lesson lottery, the tennis committee reserves the right to limit each household to a total of three one-half hours (one half hour on each lottery) until Sunday evening.
- F. If a lesson court is not reserved for a lesson by sign-up the night before, it is open for regular play.
- G.. Sign full first and last names and write tennis member family name, if not the same.

VII TOURNAMENTS:

- A. Full and Mid-Week/Off-Season adult tennis members only may participate in club tennis tournaments and Full and Mid-Week/Off-Season youths may participate in adult tournaments when playing with an adult. However these latter may not participate in the mixed-up mixed doubles tournament. When possible, separate tournaments will be scheduled for minor members.
- B. A household member participating in a tournament or the round robin is deemed to have used its reserved priority hour that day; its priority tag cannot be used. A member who is participating in a tournament may not reserve court time that day, and is only entitled to play according to the procedure in Additional Playtime Section. The other household members may have reserved time that day by being a participant in a game reserved through the priority of another tennis household or by using the procedure in Additional Playtime Section.
- C. Tournament participants must bring an unopened can of tennis balls at the start of the tournament and for each subsequent round. An unopened can is given to or kept by the winning player(s) at the end of each round. Tournament participants are responsible for knowing his/her schedule of games; lateness may result in a forfeit.