

GRAFTON TENNIS CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR 2022

Grafton Tennis Club (GTC) is exclusively for the use of its members. IT IS ALSO MANAGED BY ITS MEMBERS. Members are responsible for the appearance of the grounds and the care of the courts. To best fulfill your responsibilities as a member, please familiarize yourself with the following club rules and regulations.

GENERAL

- PROPER TENNIS SHOES are required. The soles must be SMOOTH WITH A HERRINGBONE PATTERN. At no time are running shoes, basketball shoes, etc., permitted on the courts. The treads damage the court surfaces and put players at risk for injury.
- No dogs or other animals are permitted on the courts.
- Courts may not be used before 7:30 a.m. or after 9 p.m. out of respect for the neighbors.
- Lock the shed and the courts when you are finished.
- All members and their guests assume their own risk.
- There is no trash pickup at GTC. If you bring food and drink to enjoy, please take all your trash with you.

RESERVING COURTS

- We use Skedda to reserve courts. You may sign up for a court ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE. Courts may be reserved for 90 minutes. If you are unable to use a court you have reserved, please remove your name from the Skedda so that someone else may enjoy the court. The most popular play time is 6 to 7:30 on week nights. If that's when you're hoping to play, be sure to reserve a court in advance.
- It is fine to play on an empty court that you haven't reserved, PROVIDED YOU CHECK SKEDDA to see when the court is next booked. It is your responsibility to have the court groomed and ready on time for players who have reserved the court. You should also put your name in the appropriate time slot at the time of play.
- COURT 1 is the one closest to the road; COURT 2 is closest to the shed. **Make sure you begin playing on the court you have booked**, especially when both courts are booked. Many members prefer one court over the other and expect to play on the court they have booked without facing the unpleasantness of having to ask another member to cede the court.

GUEST POLICY

- Please pay guest fees at the time of play. The cost is **\$10** for the first two visits and **\$20** for subsequent visits. You can pay guest fees at our web-site at <https://graftontennisclub.com/payment>.

CARE OF THE COURTS

- **IT IS VITAL THAT MEMBERS STAY OFF THE COURTS WHEN THEY ARE WET.** The clay becomes soft very quickly and is then easily dug up and damaged. Once the surface has dried in a damaged state, the court is likely to be hazardous to play on, if not altogether unusable until it can be repaired. You should not use the courts until a) balls bounce normally, and b) your shoes do not sink into the clay when you jump up and down.
- Members are required to brush their court and sweep the tape after play. The brooms **MUST BE HUNG ON THE FENCE** after you have finished. **BE SURE THAT THE BRISTLES ARE NOT TOUCHING THE GROUND.** Leaving the brush planted in the clay causes it to become misshapen and, ultimately over time, ineffective for grooming.
- In the event of a sudden downpour while you are playing, **DO NOT SWEEP THE COURTS.** Sweeping a wet court causes damage.

- Please hang the line sweepers BETWEEN THE COURTS and NOT adjacent to either court. This way players who are ready to groom their court need not interrupt play on the other court in order to get to the line sweepers.