

AGINCOURT TENNIS CLUB

COURT ETIQUETTE AND PROCEDURES

Welcome to Agincourt Tennis Club. Although the Club may not have all the facilities and amenities of a large private club, there is a certain standard of dress and conduct that is expected of all members while at the courts. For the benefit of new members and as a reminder to returning members, the following guidelines are provided, and they are intended to ensure the enjoyment of a hassle-free environment while participating in your favourite sport.

Proper Tennis Attire

This consists of any of the following: For the men - track suit, short sleeve shirts and tennis shorts. For the women - track suit, blouse and skirt/shorts or tennis dress. Not acceptable are: jogging or basketball style shorts, blue jean shorts or shirts with offensive messages.

Shoes / Footwear

The ONLY acceptable shoes are those with soft, flat soles. Football, soccer or jogging shoes or any shoes with cleats or suction cups for treads are NOT permitted, as they will damage the court surface. Playing while wearing sandals or street shoes is not permitted due to the potential for injury (sprained or twisted ankle). Non-marking sole only. Rollerblades are strictly prohibited.

Club Hours and Playing Privileges

Monday through Friday from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm, and Saturday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, is reserved for Juniors and Intermediates (members under age 18). Weekdays after 6:30 pm, Saturday after 3:00 pm and Sunday, are reserved for Seniors and Intermediates (members over age 15) and for Juniors with Senior privileges. Families have precedence on the courts Saturdays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Juniors without Senior privileges on court during Senior time (even if accompanied by a Senior member) must leave the court if requested by Seniors waiting to play. The playing period is one-half hour. Members may play more than one period per day. Guests of members are welcome, but are subject to a Guest Fee. Team play (including rescheduled team matches) and club endorsed events (Socials, Round Robins, Lessons ...etc) takes precedence over regular club play.

Court Change Times and Procedures

Utilization of courts is on a first come first serve basis. If all four courts are occupied, please take a seat on one of the benches located alongside the courtyard and wait for a court to become available.

Courts 1 and 2 change on the hour (ie. 7:00 pm, 8:00 pm). Courts 3 & 4 changes on the half hour (ie. 7:30 pm, 8:30 pm), thus allowing a playing time of one hour on each court. These staggered change times means a reduced waiting time, as the courts change every 30 minutes.

When the court change time has arrived the following procedures should be followed to ensure a smooth court change and to reduce the disturbance and distraction to the players on the court(s) which are not changing. BOTH or ALL four players should gather at the edge of Court 1 near the fence and wait for the end of the point currently in progress. Then proceed quickly to the edge of the next court, staying near the fence. Wait for a break in the play, then advise the nearest player that you have signed up for the

court at this time. The player may request to finish the current game and this should be granted. Players should NOT abuse this privilege by playing more than 3 additional points. Players leaving the courts should gather up all their equipment and possessions and BOTH or ALL four players should gather at the edge of the court, near the fence, and wait for a break in the play on the adjacent court. Then proceed QUICKLY to the edge of the next court or the clubhouse area. The intent of this procedure is to eliminate the disturbance and distraction on a court caused by several members crossing to another court, each at a separate time.

Ball Return Procedure

When playing, please make a mental note of the brand name and number printed on the balls you are using. When you pick up a ball on or behind the court, LOOK AT IT. If it isn't yours, look around to see if someone is requesting you to return it to them. If so, throw it or hit to them GENTLY, preferably on one bounce. If no one is requesting a ball return, then roll it GENTLY to the back of the adjacent court. It is not only distracting but also dangerous to players to roll a ball onto their court while play is in progress.

Facilities

Our clubhouse is cleaned by professional cleaner regularly. Please observe the housekeeping rules posted in the clubhouse and help us maintain our facilities in good condition. The locks to the courts are changed periodically. The code for the combination lock will be communicated to all the members when required. Please do not pass this code to non-members. Failing to comply with this may result in termination of your membership.

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Member's Name

Signature

Date