

## **TENNIS RULES & REGULATIONS**

### **HOURS OF OPERATION**

1. Tennis courts may be used between the hours of 7:00 am and 11:00 pm, seven days a week. Court lights are timer controlled and will shut off at 11:00 pm.
2. Court access will be restricted during times of repair work. Advanced notice of repairs will be posted whenever possible.

### **GENERAL RULES**

1. The Wellington Tennis Committee, Wellington HOA, or management companies are not responsible for personal injury or loss or damage to personal property.
2. Members must be in good standing to use the tennis facilities, including current on all fees and assessments and in compliance with all Association rules and regulations.
3. The Tennis Committee must approve formation of a league tennis team. All non-members on a tennis team are required to pay to the Association a \$30.00 fee per tennis season, maximum of \$60.00 annually.
4. Proper tennis attire is required at all times. Only rubber-soled tennis shoes are permitted. Playing barefoot, in street shoes, or black-soled shoes is prohibited. Shirts are required.
5. No pets will be allowed on the tennis courts.
6. No bicycles, rollerblades, skateboards, toys, strollers, playpens, carriages, radios or the like are allowed on the courts.
7. No glass containers or food are allowed in the court area.
8. A Wellington Association Member must accompany all guests at all times. The member will be responsible for the conduct, dress, and action of their guests.
9. Teaching Professionals are not considered "guests" of the courts.
10. Acts of vandalism will not be tolerated and will result in suspension of tennis facility privileges for a length of time as determined by HOA Board of Directors. Further, the full cost of repairing the vandalism will be the responsibility of the specific member. If a minor commits vandalism, the full cost of repairing the damage will be the responsibility of the minor's family. The minor shall also be subject to the suspension of privileges as stated above.
11. Wellington Tennis Committee, Wellington HOA and the Director of Tennis have the right to organize and present outings benefiting Wellington and, therefore, may reserve the required number of courts at their discretion. At least two (2) courts will remain available for open play at all times.
12. Club rosters, phone lists, membership lists, and similar information shall be considered proprietary information of Wellington HOA and the Wellington Tennis Committee and shall not be given out for any reason, personal or business related except to the Director of Tennis.
13. Do not abuse tennis nets, surface, or equipment. If any equipment is damaged, please contact the Management Company.
14. Wellington team League play, practice schedules and programming will be posted and will supersede all reservations.
15. Tennis Etiquette must be followed at all times.

### **SIGN UP PROCEDURES FOR NON-LEAGUE PLAY**

1. Sign up is limited to fourteen days in advance.
2. Reservations are limited to two hours for play. Play may continue if the next reservation is defaulted with no one waiting to play. Please yield courts promptly.
3. No two consecutive or concurrent time slots may be reserved by the same member or playing members of his or her party. Only one court may be reserved per reservation/time slot.
4. Default time is ten minutes after scheduled start time. After this time has expired, the court will be considered open for play.
5. Reservations may be made for your household or tennis party only.
6. Requests for reserving the courts for social activities, tournaments, league play, etc. must be submitted to the Director of Tennis for approval. The Director of Tennis and Tennis Committee has the right to reserve the courts for such events.
7. If know in advance that you are unable to play at a time you reserved, you are required to remove your reservation from the on-line system so others can reserve the time slot.

### **LEAGUE PLAY (ALTA & USTA)**

1. Wellington team league play and practice schedules will be posted and will supersede all reservations.
2. Each approved TCOW league team is allowed only 2 courts for practice sessions.
3. On any given practice night or league play day, two courts must be left open for non-league play.
4. League practice will consist of two hours per week per team. A league practice season will be limited to three weeks prior to the start of the season and the season itself. All teams that play on weekday mornings shall be limited to weekday morning practices unless an evening time slot is vacated by the dissolution of a team. Play-off teams may maintain their practice night and time for only as long as they remain in the play-offs. League practice will not continue after the end of the season.

6. All new team formation requests must be submitted to the Tennis Committee for approval.
7. League practice or coaching for five or less people will utilize only one court.
8. League make-up matches shall not interfere with previously scheduled league practice or matches. A captain has the privilege of being able to schedule a make-up match as many days in advance as necessary, provided he/she is the home team.

Reservations should be marked "[Level] Make-Up Match" with the captain's last name in parenthesis (). Failure to comply with these procedures may result in forfeiture of the reservation.

9. All matches and make-up matches will be allowed to proceed to their conclusion, provided a two hour reservation was made, even if they run over into another reservation.
10. Teams are responsible for leaving tennis courts and rest rooms in a neat and tidy condition. This includes the playground and other common grounds. Captains of the last team to leave are responsible for securing the facility before leaving premises, regardless of who opened the facilities.
11. In the event that more teams want to play than are allowed on any single league day, the teams with the highest percentage of nonresidents will be asked to sit out or find an alternate court site for the year. If no team has a higher non-member percentage, then team captains will draw straws. The losing team(s) will "bye out" of the next year's lottery, and this procedure will repeat until a pattern of rotation has been established.
12. Wellington residents shall have the right to be included on a Wellington team provided that their individual level does not adversely affect the level of the team. Teams are directed to make room for Wellington residents of their rosters.
13. Teams must coordinate with the Director of Tennis for their team's coaching needs.
14. Only residents can be captains of Wellington tennis teams.

## **TENNIS ETIQUETTE**

1. Please wait until play has stopped before crossing behind other players or retrieving a ball. Return balls for other players whenever possible.
2. When entering or leaving courts please use designated gate for the designated court. Do not walk through an occupied court if you can walk outside the fence.
3. Avoid loud conversations, abusive language, or any other actions, which may distract other players. This also applies to non-players immediately outside the fence.
4. Please turn off cell phones, pagers, radios or other devices, which may distract players.
5. No games, other than tennis, are permitted on the courts.
6. Parents, please spend time discussing tennis rules and tennis etiquette with children before bringing them to tennis courts.
7. Keep court gates closed.
8. No racquet throwing, banging on nets or fences. Any property or equipment damage may result in loss of member privileges.
9. If any equipment is damaged, please report it to the Management Company.
10. Please remove your belongings and trash after play.

## **TENNIS INSTRUCTION**

1. Wellington has appointed a Tennis Management Company as the community's official and exclusive tennis service provider.
2. All professional tennis services will be under the direction of the Director of Tennis.
3. All tennis professionals not authorized by the Director of Tennis are prohibited.
4. All tennis professionals must meet the following criteria prior to rendering services:
  - Be a member of a major certifying tennis body; either USPTA or PTR.
  - Be insured with at least \$1,000,000.00 of liability insurance.
  - Present their credentials to the Director of Tennis for review.
  - Submit to a criminal background check to be conducted by the Director of Tennis.
  - Receive the approval of the Director of Tennis.
5. Members in good standing will have the right to participate in all programming provided by the Director of Tennis.

## **ENFORCEMENT**

1. All Wellington members, members of their family and their guests are required to comply with the rules as stated.
2. The Tennis Committee, homeowner members, the Wellington HOA Board, the Management Company and the Director of Tennis are authorized and directed to enforce all rules.
3. Homeowners are encouraged to report any violations to the Tennis Committee, Wellington HOA Board members, the Management Company or the Director of Tennis. Violations may result in suspension of use of the facility.