



PENINSULA TENNIS CLUB

CLUB RULES

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Courtesy and good sportsmanship are the basis for the following and are subject to change at the discretion of the Board of Directors. All Members are expected to abide by these rules, and, to the extent possible when the Club Manager is not present, help enforce these rules.

Definitions

Youth(s): any person(s) under the age of 18, or a Junior Member of the club.

Adult: any person not classified as a “youth” as described above, regardless of whether or not they are a Member of the club.

General Club Rules

The Club Manager is directed by the Board of Directors to supervise the proper use of all club facilities and to rule on all situations concerning application of these rules. Such rulings shall be final.

1. No club property shall be removed from the clubhouse or grounds.
2. Youths under age 10 may not be left alone at the club.
3. Youths under age 18 are not allowed on the grounds after 5:00pm unless supervised by an adult Member. Juniors between the ages of 18 and 24 are not permitted on premises after 9:00pm unless supervised by an adult Member.
4. Pets are not permitted at the club.
5. Noise curfew is 10:00 pm.

Tennis Court Rules

1. Sign-in with your group start and finish time. List all the player names in your group. 1-3 players = 1 Hour / 4 players = 1.5 Hours. You may continue to play past your scheduled finish time provided there is no one on the waitlist. You may not sign up on the waitlist unless all players are present and ready to play (not on the tennis court).
2. Proper tennis footwear and attire shall be worn at all times. No hard-sole shoes are permitted on the courts.
3. Shirts (no “tank tops” for males) are required on all courts at all times, including youths.
4. When more than four (4) tennis balls are used in practice there must be an open court on both sides of the court in use, or an open court on one side with a fence/net on the other.
5. Reservation of courts must be approved by the Club Manager or Board of Directors.



Tennis Court Priorities

Adult Senior Members have priority on all courts at all times, except for the following:

1. **TEACHING COURTS** -Tennis Pro's court access for lessons, clinics & instruction is as follows:

Monday-Thursday- Court #5 8:00-6:00pm

Friday- Court #5 8:00-3:30pm

Sunday- Court #5 1pm - 6pm

* Additional courts available with board approval

Please Note:

- Lessons & clinics are not permitted during club events.
- Lessons & clinics are limited to the designated teaching courts unless approved by the Club Manager.
- Lessons & clinics times are scheduled through the manager and will be posted (days & times).
- Lessons & clinics to non-members require prior approval of the Club Manager and are subject to guest fees.

2. **YOUTHS** - will have priority or share priority with adults as follows:

Weekdays - Court #4 after 2pm; shared priority with adults

Sunday - Court #4 before noon; youths have priority

- Court #4 after noon; shared priority with adults

Please Note:

- Youth priorities do not apply during any scheduled league, interclub, or PTC club activity.
- A foursome of three adults and one youth shall be considered a foursome of adults.
- No players will be asked to yield a court if another court is available.
- When other youths are waiting to play, play is limited to one set or 45 minutes of hitting.
- Youth and adult must yield Court #4 on request of two youths.
- Court #5 may be used when Court #4 is occupied by an adult for lessons or ball machine use.

3. **SUMMER JUNIOR PROGRAM**

Monday-Thursday- Courts #6, #7 12:30-4:30pm

General Notes:

- If players having court priority request that a court be yielded, the court must be yielded at the end of the game in progress. If players are rallying, the court must be yielded immediately.
- League and interclub matches are to be scheduled through the Club Manager. On weekdays, USTA matches will not begin until 6:00pm. Weekend matches will not begin before 1:00pm. Exceptions: SFPTL and Super Senior matches will be played during weekdays; days and times will be posted in advance. The Club Manager has the authority to make exceptions to these rules based on USTA match needs and court availability.



Team/League Play

1. Team captains must notify visiting team captains of all PTC rules.
2. All team/league play at PTC home matches must utilize a tiebreaker in lieu of a third set.
3. No more than three courts can be reserved (through the Club Manager) at any one time during daytime hours. During daylight savings time, up to five courts can be reserved, but only if needed.
4. Team captains have discretion regarding:
 - a) using a player whose ability is above or below the team's description (see 5. below)
 - b) playing Members or non-members in any given match (see 6. below).
 - c) Adding non-member players to a full roster in order to fulfill singles players requirements. These players shall only play singles unless they are needed to avoid a default.
5. If a team has a full roster, players rated above or below the team's NTRP level should not be rostered.
6. Teams should be filled from PTC membership. If a team can't be fielded entirely from PTC Members, the roster may include up to 25% non-member players. A team shall be considered full if 16 players are rostered. In the event a team requires non-member players, prospective members from the waitlist should be invited first.
 - a) A one-time per season \$50.00 guest fee will be charged for any non-member playing on a PTC team. Guest fees will not apply for non-members playing in a match. However, normal guest fees and tennis playing restrictions will apply for team/league practice.
7. In order to promote Member participation and provide various leadership styles, there will be no legacy team captains. At the beginning of each USTA/SFPTL league season, anyone interested in captaining a team should notify the Club Manager in writing not later than two weeks prior to the team registration deadline. The committee will assign a captain to each team with preference given to newer captains. Only Members are permitted to captain/co-captain PTC teams.

Swimming Pool Rules

1. Youths under age 10 require parental/adult supervision at all times.
2. Youths under age 14 are not allowed to swim without parental/adult supervision when lifeguard is not on duty.
3. Running is prohibited in the pool/spa area.
4. No running dives are allowed at any time.
5. Lone swimming is permitted only for persons 14 years of age and older.
6. No glass is allowed in and around the pool/spa areas.
7. Swimming pool closing time is 9:00 pm.



8. Lifeguard on duty has full authority to enforce all swim/spa rules.
9. No food or beverages are allowed in the pool.

Spa Rules

1. Youths 5-14 may use the spa with direct adult supervision. Adults have priority at all times; children should vacate the spa when in use by adults.
2. Youths under age 5 are not permitted to use the spa at any time. It is unsafe for children to be in temperatures above 102 degrees.
3. Running is prohibited in the pool/spa area.
4. Youths are not permitted to have food, beverages, or toys in the spa.
5. Lifeguard on duty has full authority to enforce all swim/spa rules.

Club Room Rules

1. The Club Room is for use by Members only, at all times.
2. Youths under age 18 are allowed in the Club Room only if supervised by an adult Member and dependent upon appropriate behavior. The Club Manager can be the supervising adult if a request is made of the Club Manager and subsequently granted. All such requests are on a per-occurrence basis.
3. All reservations for use of the Club Room must be made through the Club Manager and approved by the Board of Directors. The Club Room is not available for rental.

Ball Machine Rules

1. Please sign in name & start time on bulletin board prior to entering court.
2. Total time limit of 30 minutes after machine set up, when Members are waiting.
3. Children under the age of 14 must have an adult on court supervising at all times.
4. Ball machine use carries no court priority.
5. Place remote in control box, pick up balls and store machine in shed when finished.

Exercise Room Rules

1. Exercise facilities are for use of adult Members, 18 years of age and older. Children are allowed in the exercise room as noted below.



2. Youths 16-17 years old and whose parents are club Members can use the exercise facilities during the hours of 2:00 – 4:00 PM only after first meeting with the Club Pro to discuss a fitness program and getting any needed instructions on how to use the equipment properly. There is a limit of 2 youths using the exercise facilities at any one time.
3. Children 14-16 years old can use the exercise facilities when accompanied by a parent who must be present at all times. Parent is responsible for safety training. Children allowed in fitness room must be actively exercising. Senior Members have priority on all equipment; children must yield equipment to a Senior Member upon request. TV is for adult viewing only.

Etiquette Guidelines

1. PTC does not condone the use of profane language, yelling, racket throwing, slamming of tennis balls, and the like, at any time or anywhere on the premises.
2. PTC is a family-oriented club of Members who love and appreciate the game of tennis. As noted above, courtesy, good sportsmanship and respect for fellow Members and guests is and should be the norm.
3. When watching a match, whether it is social, tournament or league play, please use proper discretion in “cheering” for one player or another. It is a reflection on our club and its membership. Err on the side of conservatism.
4. When walking to a court to play, you must use the entry doors closest to that court. DO NOT at any time walk across courts that are occupied.
5. Cell phone usage at the club is limited. Please set your cell phone to a non-ringing status prior to entering the club.
6. There shall be no cell phone usage on Courts 1, 2, and 3 and the corresponding patio area. Any cell phone usage that may occur elsewhere at the club shall be done in a respectful manner with due consideration of both players and spectators.

Violation of Etiquette Guidelines

1. Any violation by a Member of the Etiquette Guidelines listed above will result in a warning letter to that Member from the Board, a copy of which will be included in the Member’s file.
2. Among other things, the letter will request a meeting between that Member, that Member’s sponsor, and representatives of the Board to discuss the grievance.
3. Repeated disregard of the Etiquette Guidelines will result in a suspension of membership privileges.
4. After completion of the process described above, and after suspension of membership privileges, it is the decision of the Board whether that membership will be terminated.



Guest and Group-usage Rules

1. The inviting/hosting Member must accompany his/her guests, register the guests, and pay the applicable guest fee(s).
2. No person may be a guest at the club more than two times per month or more than one weekend day per month. This rule applies to those guests residing in the nine Bay Area counties.
3. Normal guest rules and fees apply for new member applicants except that each of their sponsors can bring the applicant twice per month on weekdays or once per month on weekend days. Additional days can be arranged for play with members of the Board of Directors or the Membership Committee (applicant should be signed-in, but there will be no fee).
4. A maximum of 3 tennis playing guests per Member are allowed at any given time, and the hosting Member must play on the court with them.

Group use of club facilities must follow these guidelines:

- a) The club charges a fee for each party. Please see the Club Manager for more information.
- b) Any non-member who participates in any activity including but not limited to barbecue, yoga, bridge, swimming and/or tennis at anytime needs to be signed in by the hosting Member. Applicable guest fees will apply.
- c) Any hosted group containing 10 or more non-members who want to use any of the club's facilities has to be cleared by the Club Manager in advance and must have prior approval of the Board of Directors. Applicable guest fees will apply.

BBQ/Pool/Spa area guidelines for junior parties:

- a) The club charges a fee for each party. Please see the Club Manager for more information.
- b) Parents must supervise the event, assisted by as many adults as are necessary.
- c) The group should be no larger than 12 juniors.
- d) Noisy activities (including loud music) are discouraged as they may interfere with another Member's use of the club.
- e) Guest fees must be paid for all non-member participants.
- f) The parent/club Member sponsoring the party will be personally liable for any damage caused by their guests.
- g) Notification in writing should be given to the Club Manager two weeks in advance of the party.
- h) The facility is to be left neat and clean, ready for other Members to use.
- i) Club parties and swimming are not allowed after 9PM.