



WALLACE PARK TENNIS CLUB



Court Rules and Code of Conduct

Mission Statement

The Wallace Park Tennis Club is committed to the advancement of tennis in Oakville by stimulating interest in the sport. We encourage the general public to participate at levels appropriate to their needs and abilities through skill development, and social and competitive opportunities.

W.P.T.C. Fair Play Philosophy

It is the policy of the W.P.T.C. to recognise the dignity and worth of every member of the club and to provide equal rights and opportunities without discrimination.

Our aim is to provide a sports environment that is democratic and open to all members of the community, grounded on the principles of integrity, fairness and respect.

We hope that each person feels a part of the Club and is encouraged to contribute at various levels.

Through tennis, members of the community learn about hard work and having fun. They learn to respect their own abilities and those of their competitors and to value the efforts of all participants, regardless of ability.

To encourage fair play, our Club wishes to make the experience of playing tennis a positive one.

WALLACE PARK TENNIS CLUB COURT RULES

A. *TIMES OF PLAY*

1. Adults are entitled to play from 7:30 am – 10:00 pm every day in May, June, September and October and 7:30 am – 10:30 pm in July and August.

In July and August Juniors are entitled to equal access from 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm Monday to Friday; at other times, adult members have priority. In May, June, September and October Juniors have equal access (7:30 am – 10 pm) every day. During adult hours, adults may remove juniors at the next buzzer.

Juniors may play during restricted hours **only** if Adults are not waiting.
Juniors may play at any time if playing with an Adult member.

(TUESDAYS AFTER 6 PM ARE RESTRICTED TO ADULTS ONLY, **NO EXCEPTIONS**)

Note: Court attendants have Adult status when not on duty.

2. Adult Priority Courts: Adults may remove juniors without waiting for the buzzer on:

Court 1: May, June, September and October from 12 noon until 6pm.

Court 4: July, August from 12 noon until 6 pm.

3. Exceptions to Playing Times

Occasionally, some or all of the courts will be closed for maintenance, lessons, ladder, league or tournament matches and special events.

Ladder matches and preliminary tournament matches booked on Tuesday nights MAY NOT BE BOOKED FOR 2 CONSECUTIVE PERIODS i.e. players must book as per regular rules.

B. **VISITORS/GUESTS**

Each guest of a member must pay a fee of \$5.00 to the attendant before play begins, unless the guest plays on the public court. If an attendant is not on duty, money envelopes can be found beside the office door and then slipped under the door. If a paid guest later moves from a court to the public court, the fee will not be refunded.

A member may invite guests no more than four (4) times, in total, for the season.

C. **DURATION OF MATCHES**

1. Members must enter ALL LAST NAMES AND STARTING TIME ON THE BOARD BEFORE COMMENCING PLAY. If the court attendant is present, s/he must enter names.
2. If a court is empty when you arrive, you may take the balance of time left to the next half hour and then reserve for the next time period. If members have not entered their names and time on the board, THEY CAN BE BUMPED BY WAITING MEMBERS AT THE BUZZER. At the buzzer, if all courts are occupied, waiting members should take the court of players that have been on longest.
3. If all courts are occupied, the singles court that has been on the longest should be taken off first, rather than a foursome that has been playing for the same length of time.
4. Play will be limited to 30-minute periods regulated by the buzzer sounding on the hour and the half hour. Once a play period has commenced, members are entitled to complete their time period. Juniors having started play cannot be bumped by arriving adults or doubles UNTIL THEIR TIME IS UP, *EXCEPT FOR RULE A 2 * On weekends/holidays, courts may be booked for 1 hour instead of 30 minutes.
5. Players on court MAY NOT RESERVE A COURT FOR 2 CONSECUTIVE PERIODS (EXCEPT FOR LADDER OR PRELIMINARY TOURNAMENT MATCHES), OR FOR A LATER TIME. i.e., players cannot sign for a court, leave the club, and then return for their start time.
6. One player may not practice on a court if others are waiting. A pair of players, WITHOUT WAITING FOR THE NEXT BUZZER, may bump such a player immediately.
7. Preliminary tournament matches may be booked for consecutive ½ hours as required to complete their match.

8. Phone Bookings: Advance bookings may be made only for Tuesday and Thursday round robins and preliminary tournament matches. Bookings may be made starting Saturday morning after 9 AM for the following week.

Please note: For round robins on Tuesdays and Thursdays players in attendance have priority over phoned bookings by members who are not present, once play has started. LATECOMERS WHO HAVE PRE-BOOKED MAY ONLY PLAY IF THERE IS SPACE AVAILABLE WHEN THEY ARRIVE FOR THE ROUND ROBIN.

D. **COURT COURTESY AND DRESS**

1. Enter by proper gate and walk quickly behind a court ONLY WHEN THERE IS A BREAK IN PLAY.
2. Return balls to other courts as soon as possible during a break in play. Please do not return a ball onto a court until play stops, or return the ball carefully to the rear of the court. Except for practice on Court 4, no more than four balls per court are allowed.
3. Close the entry gate behind you UPON ENTERING AND LEAVING. Please shield the entry code from non-members.
4. Acceptable tennis clothing must be worn, including soft soled, non-marking tennis shoes.
5. Be considerate of the club's neighbours and other players by refraining from spitting, shouting, swearing and racquet throwing or any other action that might be considered offensive, threatening or unsportsmanlike.
6. No food, glass, soft drinks, juices or gum are allowed on court. Alcohol **may not** be consumed anywhere on the premises, nor is smoking allowed anywhere on club grounds.
7. Only PLAYERS are allowed on court. Observers, children and pets should wait off the court, not sit on the benches. Only members displaying a valid shoe tag will be allowed to play on courts 1, 2, 3 and 5.
8. When the Club Professional has courts booked for instruction, the nature of the instruction is at the Professional's discretion.
9. Only the Club Professional and his staff may use Wallace Park Tennis Club courts to earn income.
10. Ball hoppers may be used only on Court 4. Ball hoppers may be used only by members of the same family.

E. **PRACTICE COURTS**

Access to the practice courts is through the gate at the parking lot entrance, not through the tennis courts.

PRACTICE COURTS ARE NOT TO BE USED BEFORE 7:30 AM OR DURING WEEKEND TOURNAMENT MATCHES OR DURING LEAGUE MATCHES

F. **COURT 4 (Public Court)**

Court 4 is open to members and non-members on an equal basis. ALL USERS OF COURT 4 MUST ABIDE BY THE ABOVE RULES. Offenders may be removed from the court or have their playing privileges removed. When Court 4 is being used for club activities, another court will be designated as the public court, unless all courts are being used for club activities. WPTC members should unlock the gate for non-members WITHOUT REVEALING THE CODE.

If the public court is in use, non-members may not play on other courts even if those courts are not being used, unless the non-member is playing with a member and pays the guest fee.

- G. The above rules have been carefully considered to facilitate the smooth operation of the club. Failure to comply may result in a review of the offending member's playing privileges.

The court attendant, club professional, or an executive member has the authority to enforce the above rules.

Please report undesirable behaviour/vandalism to an executive member, court attendant or the club professional.