



## SALTAIRE YACHT CLUB TENNIS RULES

These rules attempt to cover general situations. The Tennis Committee will settle any questions regarding interpretation of the Rules or situations not covered. Fairness, courtesy and cooperation of members toward each other are the guiding principles. The Committee reserves the right to impose sanctions on members who violate the spirit of these rules. We are adapting to a changing world and are trying to have rules that reflect the demand on our courts and the needs of our membership. We will review and assess as the season progresses and we reserve the right to change these rules as necessary.

**The courts are for the exclusive use of tennis members and their houseguests. They are open, weather permitting, daily from 8AM to 7PM. Playtime is divided into one-hour sessions. The Tennis Pro or Tennis Committee will determine the playability of the courts.**

Players are required to wear appropriate tennis attire and proper clay court tennis sneakers. Bathing suits, leotards, cleats, sandals, flip-flops, bare feet, etc., are not permitted.

**During the COVID pandemic, all social distancing guidelines as required by NYS, will be enforced.**

### I. DEFINITIONS:

“In-Season” runs from mid-June (exact date to be determined by the Tennis Committee) through Labor Day weekend, and also includes Memorial Day Weekend.

The “Weekend” runs from Friday 3 P.M. to Sunday 5 P.M., including holidays.

“Midweek” runs from Sunday 5 P.M. to Friday 3 P.M., excluding holidays.

“Adult” members are age 17 and up.

“Minor” members are:

Youth (Y) ages 13-16;

Child (C) ages 7-12;

Pee Wee (P) ages 4-6.

In a “Full member” household:

Adult members may play any time; Minors may play Midweek and with an Adult member on Weekends.

In a “Midweek/Off Season” household:

Adults may play Midweek and in tournaments in Season and any time Off-Season; Minors may play Midweek in Season and with an Adult member Weekends Off-Season.

“Reserved” time is member’s initial reserved hour.

A “Repeater” (R) is someone who is playing in addition to his/her reserved time that day.

A “Guest” is someone who is staying at a tennis member’s house. A guest may not be anyone who resides in any community on Fire Island.

“Aggregate tennis time” for a group is the sum of the each individual’s initial reserved time, additional time played, including lesson time, and tournament time.

A “Phantom” is a patently fictitious player; i.e. someone who is signed up but will not in reality play.

## II. SIGN-UP: via Chelsea Online Tennis System:

**Each tennis member is assigned a unique number to use with the Chelsea Online system. Guidelines for using the Online system are available on the club’s website.**

1. **Sign-Up:** Members may book a court the same day, the next day or enter a lottery that allows you to request a court two to five days in advance (notification of court selection two days in advance). Members are allowed to reserve one hour of play per day in advance. A second hour may be reserved same day on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. You may not reserve a second hour on Fridays, Saturdays, or Sundays.
2. **Game Appearance:** Each game must have the full complement of eligible players present (four for doubles, two for singles) as recorded on the Chelsea system the night before play. Any player that is substituted from the initial reservation, and all players in said game, must be recorded as such on the Chelsea system before play. Signing up a “phantom,” and replacing that name at the time of play with someone who has previously signed up that day, will subject all participants to the following: **First offense:** Warning; **Second Offense:** Loss of tennis privileges for the next weekend day when the offender would have been able to play. If this is not obeyed by offender(s), he/she will lose tennis privileges for a week. **Continual infractions** will result in loss of tennis membership. The Committee recognizes that emergencies come up. If you need to make a last-minute substitution, you must notify the Tennis Captain or her/his designated representative of the reason for the substitution and s/he will adjudicate.
3. **A singles game may not become a doubles game without being properly recorded as a doubles game on the Chelsea Online system the night before play.**

4. A singles game reserved on a doubles court is subject to being moved to the singles court if the singles court is available at the same time an eligible doubles game wishes to play.
5. A doubles game cannot be played on the singles court.
6. A member who has reserved a court but cannot use his/her reserved court time must promptly delete the booking on the Chelsea Online system or substitute players who have not previously signed up that day to play. The penalty for failure to release a court at least one-half hour before reserved time of play will be a \$25 fine on weekends, \$20 fine on weekdays. While we recognize that emergencies do happen, we require notification via an email, with a reason for non-release of the court, to the Tennis Captain or her/his representative who will adjudicate.
7. When the courts are unplayable due to rain, a player who has lost all playing time may replace a player who will be playing more than once that day.

### **III. ADDITIONAL (REPEATER) PLAYTIME:**

Additional playing time may be obtained in the following ways:

1. An open court.
2. No show or lateness. If a group of players fail to appear on a reserved court by ten minutes after the designated hour, the court will become available to others.
3. Replacing a no-show player: A previously signed player may fill in for a legitimate (not phantom) player who is unable to play.
4. If more than one group is present at five minutes before the hour, regardless of who arrived first, a game with a member who has no reserved hour that day has priority over everyone; a doubles game has priority over singles, and a doubles game with the least aggregate tennis time has priority over other groups present. If hours are equal, a "coin toss" is used to determine which group gets the court.
5. Second hour player(s) may be bumped by a player has no court time because of a rainout;

### **IV. GUESTS:**

1. A guest may play as the guest of only one tennis household on any two/three-day weekend. A guest must play with at least one tennis member, but that member need not be part of the household in which he/she is a guest.

2. Playing Time Limits: Guest play per tennis household is limited to two/three hours total per two/three day weekend. (Example: A visiting couple may play one hour of doubles per weekend; a visiting individual, two hours per weekend.)
3. Members must provide the tennis pros with a credit card in order to book a court for a guest player. Guest fees will be billed to the member's credit card on the day the reservation is made. The charge per guest per weekend hour is **\$25**, per weekday hour, **\$20**.
4. Guests may neither take lessons nor enter tournaments.
5. Abuse of guest booking, such as booking with a guest and subsequently replacing the guest with a member, is a violation of the rules and is subject to sanction. Substituting a member for a guest booking requires an email explanation to the Tennis Captain or her/his designated representative who will adjudicate.

#### **V. LESSONS: Tennis lessons are for tennis members only.**

**1.** There will be a lesson sign-up on Saturdays starting at 10 A.M. and ending on Sundays at midnight for the week starting that Monday. An adult tennis member may sign up for at most two weekday hours and one weekend hour per week; if an adult so chooses, s/he may give a minor some of her/his weekday lesson hours. After Sunday midnight the lessons will be open to repeaters, to be reserved one-half hour at a time.

**2.** A member taking any (private, semiprivate or clinic) lessons totaling at least one hour is deemed to have used its initial reserved hour that day.

**3.** If a lesson court is not reserved for a lesson at time of play, it is open for regular play.

#### **VI. TOURNAMENTS:**

1. Full and Mid-Week/Off-Season Adult tennis members only may participate in club tennis tournaments and Full and Mid-Week/Off-Season Youths may participate in adult tournaments when playing with an adult. However, Youths may not participate in the mixed-up mixed doubles tournament. When possible, separate tournaments will be scheduled for Minor members.
2. A tennis member participating in a tournament or the round robin is deemed to have used his/her reserved hours that day. A member who is participating in a tournament may not reserve court time that day and is only entitled to play according to the procedure in the Additional Playtime Section.

3. Tournament participants must bring an unopened can of tennis balls at the start of the tournament and for each subsequent round. An unopened can is given to, or kept by, the winning player(s) at the end of each round. Tournament participants are responsible for knowing his/her schedule of games; lateness may result in a forfeit.
4. Determination of which teams/individuals are eligible to play in A or B tournaments will be made by the pros.

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