



Club Rules & Conduct

To ensure that all players are afforded equitable playing time and optimal conditions, the use of the courts are subject to certain rules as described here. Review the rules, print out a hard copy, and do not be shy about speaking up when you recognize a departure from them. This benefits and maximizes everyone's enjoyment of tennis.

To play at Springfield Tennis Club or participate in club endorsed activities, events, or programs you must be a Registered Member and have a valid Shoe Tag. Guests are welcome; when bringing guests to play, members are required to pay a fee of \$15 per guest. Some social events and tournaments are open to guest participation.

Court Sign Up Board:

There is a court sign-up chalkboard located on the exterior wall of the clubhouse. Only Registered Members with a valid Shoe Tag may place their name on the Sign-up Board in order to book a court.

In order to keep track of how long players are on the courts and give all members equal opportunity we ask that you sign in when you arrive. Simply put your name on the court number that you are playing on and the time. You should play on the court that is designated closest to the time you arrive.

The courts should be played upon as follows:

- **Court 1 is designated "00" - if you arrive closest to the hour then play on court 1.**
Example: You arrive at 1:00 so play on court 1 from 1:00 until 2:00.
- **Court 2 is designated "15" - if you arrive closest to quarter after the hour, play on court 2.**
Example: You arrive at 1:15 so play on court 2 from 1:15 to 2:15.
- **Court 3 is designated "30" - if you arrive closest to the half hour then play on court 3.**
Example: You arrive at 1:30 so play on court 3 from 1:30 to 2:30.
- **Court 4 is designated "45" - if you arrive closest to the quarter before the hour, play on court 4.**
Example: You arrive at 1:45 so play on court 4 from 1:45 to 2:45.

As you can see from the examples a court should become available every 15 minutes.

In order to keep the court schedule, regardless of the time you start playing you will need to give up the court at the designated time, either "00", "15", "30" or "45" even if you have not been on the court for one full hour. You can rebook another court at the next time slot available.

When the courts are full and members are waiting to play, Doubles takes priority over Singles, so make an effort to pair up. Those at the club to play singles must be accommodating to playing doubles instead.

We ask that you restrict your play to 1 hour if others are waiting.



Court Etiquette:

- Do not disturb others while play is in progress – in particular:
 - Enter and Exit through the gate nearest to your court. Courts 1 & 2 should use the front gate on the south-west side, and courts 3 & 4 should use the back, north-east gate, in the park
 - Remain outside the courts while play is in progress
 - Do not walk behind courts while play is in progress
 - Wait for a break in play before asking players to return your ball
- NEVER, under any circumstances, return balls to a court while play is in progress. ALWAYS wait for play to stop, inform the court, ensure that players are aware, and gently push the ball in an angle towards the back fence
- All players must wear appropriate attire (tennis shoes, shirt)
- The Web Communications department maintains a Club Calendar which indicates when some courts may be unavailable for use
- Members behaving in an aggressive, disrespectful, or offensive manner, will be asked to leave the courts
- It is unacceptable for Members to abuse, bully, harass, or defame, one another, any Board Members, visitors, or the general public, within the vicinity of Springfield Tennis Club, and this will not be tolerated. Members are encouraged to submit a complaint to the Board if subject or witness to, any abuse, harassment, or defamation. The Board takes reports of complaints very seriously and if deemed necessary Members will be invited to attend a Hearing
- Any violation of Club Rules may result in revocation of Membership, and/or expulsion from Springfield Tennis Club, at the discretion of the Board

Tennis Canada publishes “ [The Rules of the Court](#)” which is intended as a resource for players at all levels and governs Inter-County play .

Tennis is much more fun when everyone follows the same rules and code of conduct.