



## Club Rules & Conduct

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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.

To play at Springfield Tennis Club or participate in club endorsed activities, events, or programs you must be a Registered Member. Guests are not allowed for the 2021 season due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Singles and doubles play supported following safe distance protocols.

See the Covid-19 section on Springfield website for a list of rules and regulations provided by the City of Mississauga.

### **BOOKING COURTS**

There are two ways to book a court: Online using our court booking system and at the court using the Springfield Board. The rules for both are below. **ONLINE BOOKINGS SUPERSEDE IN-PERSON BOARD BOOKINGS.** As a result, members are encouraged to use the online system to book courts vs showing up in person.

#### ***ONLINE BOOKING RULES:***

1. Court time is limited to 60 Minutes unless no other member has signed up for the next hour.
2. Members cannot circumvent the 60-minute court time rule in any way, for example, members playing together cannot each book consecutively.
3. All names of players must be listed on the online court booking.
4. Only 1 online court booking per member per day.
5. Courts 2, 3 & 4 are for online bookings. Court 1 is booked using the Springfield board at the club.
6. It is understood that members in play will leave the court according to this schedule if other members are waiting.
7. If someone has an online booking on court 2, 3 or 4, but someone is already playing on their court, the online person has the right to the court and can ask the people on the court to leave.



## *IN-PERSON BOOKINGS (BOARD AT THE CLUB)*

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

Court 1 has been designated for in-person bookings and is limited to one hour. When you arrive, you must write down your name and start time on the board.

Court 2, 3, 4 are reserved for online play. However, if a member comes to the court and no one is on it, they can use it. They must write down their name and start time on the board. However, as mentioned above, online bookings on court 2, 3 & 4 supersede in-person bookings, and people who do not have an online booking must leave the court if asked.

**Any violation of these rules will result in termination of your club membership.**

### **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 club 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 .