



Tennis Rules

A. ATTIRE

1. Only tennis shoes may be worn on the courts – no exceptions.
2. Players will dress tastefully for play. All players will wear shirts.
3. **MEMBER TAGS WILL BE WORN OR DISPLAYED ON BAGS.**

B. ETIQUETTE

1. Players will be familiar with proper tennis etiquette as listed in the ALTA handbook.
2. Profanity and loudness are not allowed.
3. Only players are allowed on courts (no children or spectators on courts).
4. Wait until a point is over before walking behind a court where a match is in progress.
5. To retrieve a ball from another court, or to return a ball to another court, wait until the point is over.
6. Always clean up any litter you may have left after play.
7. Enter or Exit courts only when players have completed a game.
8. **LOCK ALL GATES AND TURN OFF LIGHTS WHEN PLAY IS COMPLETE.**

C. PLAYING TIME

1. Normal playing hours are sunrise until 11:00 pm.
2. Playing time for singles is 1 hour. ALTA and USTA matches are exempt.
3. Playing time for doubles is 1-1/2 hours.
4. All times are based on proper sign up procedures as listed below.
5. Players must check sign up sheets before entering courts.
6. **PLAYERS WHO FAIL TO SIGN UP BEFORE BEGINNING MAY BE “BUMPED” BY PLAYERS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP PROPERLY.**

D. RESERVED COURTS

1. Courts are numbered 1-4 right to left looking from the Clubhouse. Courts 1 and 2 are *Open* courts. Courts 3 and 4 are *Reserved* courts.
2. ALL courts must be procured through the sign up board by signing your name. Parents should be sure that your children know the proper procedures so they don't get bumped.
3. Reserved courts may be reserved only 1 week in advance. Sign up sheets will be posted approximately 6:00 pm each Friday for the following Monday through Sunday.
***Exceptions to this rule are authorized ALTA or USTA practices or matches and HPRA socials or tournaments.**
4. Each family is limited to three reservations per week. Only 1 reservation may be used during the weekend period (Saturday and Sunday).
5. **CHILDREN 16 AND UNDER MAY BE “BUMPED” BY ADULTS AFTER 7:00 pm WEEKDAYS (MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY).**
6. Reserved courts are considered open courts after a 10-minute no-show; except for courts reserved for ALTA or USTA matches.
7. A no-show counts as one reservation.
8. A solo player may reserve a court for one hour for solo practice.
9. No one may make a reservation for another except within a family.
10. Players will stop play on courts promptly at the end of their reserved period. No tiebreakers – stop play at the end of a game.
11. In case of rain, all rules still apply including court reservations and no-show rule.

E. OPEN COURTS

1. Courts 1 and 2 are open courts except for HPRA tournaments or ALTA and USTA team matches or practice as approved by the tennis committee. (See ALTA and USTA rules below).
2. Open courts cannot be reserved in advance. The courts are available on a first-come, first-serve basis only (except authorized ALTA or USTA play or practice authorized by the tennis committee).
3. Players must sign up and note their starting time before starting play. Play on an Open court does not count toward a members allowed number of reservations.
4. If, upon arrival, both Open courts are in use, players should put their name on the Open court list provided on the sign up board. When an Open court becomes Available, the first player signing on the list should then record his/her starting time. It should be noted that, when a player signs up on the list, he/she must be at the court ready to play whenever the court becomes available. Otherwise, the player will forfeit his/her rights to the court when it becomes available.
5. Players who fail to sign up properly may be “bumped” by players who sign up.
6. A solo player may use an open court for one hour.
7. Players may hold a court for 10 minutes while waiting for playing partners.

F. ALTA AND USTA RULES

1. Only the Tennis Committee may authorize and schedule court time for team practices and matches.
2. The Tennis Committee recognizes that in order for HPRA members to form a team at a certain level, non-residents may be required to fill out a team. Non-residents will be limited to 6 per team and will not be allowed on a team at the exclusion of an HPRA member. In extreme cases and at the discretion of the HPRA Board of Directors, this number may be increased. **NO HPRA MEMBER MAY BE EXCLUDED FROM ANY HPRA SANCTIONED TENNIS TEAM UNLESS THAT PLAYER IS RATED BY ALTA OR USTA AT A HIGHER LEVEL THAN THE TEAM.** All tennis teams must be sanctioned by the Tennis Committee.
3. Permission to block off courts for a team practice and matches must be made in advance and approved by the Tennis Committee. Teams will be allowed courts for three hours of practice each week.
4. No team member may reserve courts on the same day as his or her regularly scheduled practice day.
5. It will be normal for reserved courts to be used for team practices and matches. Open courts may be used for practice or match play on occasion if the number of teams dictates it.
6. Team members not residing in Highland Pointe will pay a \$30.00 fee, not to exceed \$120.00 per year, to HPRA for each season (spring, summer, fall and winter) they play on a Highland Pointe team. Adult children (up to the age of 23) of HPRA members are allowed to play on Highland Pointe teams and are not considered ‘outsiders’ so do not owe a \$30.00 fee. Non-resident children age 23 and over with parents as HPRA members, can play on Highland Pointe teams but will be required to pay the \$30.00 outsider fee. They will not, however, be considered “outside players” with regard to the number of “outside players” allowed. Any outside player or HPRA member player who has not paid either the outside fee or membership dues (excluding those in the process of scheduled payments) is ineligible to play in a match. IF a Captain chooses to play a non-paid member, then the Captain becomes personally responsible for such payment to the Association. Each team captain is responsible for collecting the fees from each player and turning the money into the Tennis Committee. Payment to the Committee must be in the form of one check per team made out to HPRA submitted along with the official ALTA or USTA roster. Practice time and match time will not be authorized/“blocked” until fees and roster forms are received. Captains are responsible for collecting the fee from players added to the team after the fees are turned in.
7. Rained out matches must be made up using the player’s own reservations. **Open courts may be reserved in advance with Tennis Committee authorization. There will be no allowance for rained out practices.**
8. Team Captains are responsible for their team’s actions. Each team must clean the courts and surrounding areas after practice and match play.
9. Fees for courts outside the subdivision, if required, will be paid by the Tennis Committee from ALTA or USTA fees. The Tennis Committee will make every reasonable effort to obtain the needed courts outside the subdivision for adult and junior teams.

G. GENERAL

1. All guests must be accompanied by a member. A guest is defined as a person using the HPRA facilities at the invitation of a member and who does not reside within the residential boundaries of Highland Pointe. **NON-MEMBER RESIDENTS DO NOT QUALIFY AS GUESTS AND ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY TENNIS ACTIVITY.**
2. Violation of rules will be dealt with at the discretion of the Tennis Committee and HPRA Board.
3. Parents are responsible for the actions of their children and their family's tennis privileges are at risk for violation of HPRA rules.
4. No glass containers are allowed on courts.
5. No toys, strollers, riding equipment, roller skates, or skateboards are allowed on the courts.
6. Courts will be used for tennis only.
7. Children age 10 and under may play only under supervision of an adult.

H. MAKEUP OF ALTA OR USTA MATCHES

In the event that the LAST regularly scheduled ALTA or USTA match or playoff match is canceled due to inclement weather the following will apply:

1. All Highland Pointe teams that were scheduled to be the "home" team shall have top priority in reserving court time for makeup matches. These teams may "bump" other individuals from reserved court time in order to makeup a match. You cannot schedule a makeup match during another team's scheduled practice.
2. All Highland Pointe teams that were scheduled to be a "visiting" team shall attempt to complete their makeup matches at the host team's courts. In the event this cannot be accomplished normal rules for reserving court time will apply.
3. ALTA and USTA team captains are responsible for reserving courts for makeup matches. They shall notify individuals/team captains of any team that will be "bumped" in order to makeup a match under Paragraph 1 above.

**Rules and Guidelines are subject to revision at any time
by the Tennis Committee and the HPRA Board.**