

NORTH FORKE PLANTATION TENNIS RULES AND REGULATIONS

(Approved by Board of Directors on 2/26/07 – no changes from previous year.)

The North Forke Plantation tennis courts may be used by residents of the community provided that all dues, special assessments, and other balances owed are paid, and no outstanding liens or covenants violations exist. The Tennis Committee is committed to keeping the courts and perimeter fencing in good repair for the safe enjoyment of all players. Should a resident player notice an item that needs attention, please report it to the Chairperson of the Tennis Committee. The Tennis Committee reserves the right to amend the following rules and regulations as deemed to be in the best interest of the neighborhood.

Court Availability

1. Hours for recreational tennis are from 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. year-round. In the summer, on Friday and Saturday evenings only, hours may be extended beyond 10 p.m. only to accommodate organized tennis teams (ALTA, USTA, and Team Tennis) whose official matches are in progress. No recreational tennis is to be played after 10 p.m.
2. Prime Time runs from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays, and all day Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays. During prime time, play is limited to adult members and their guests. A dependent may play during prime time if playing with an adult, if there are courts open at the beginning of a time slot, or if a court has been forfeited (see #6 under Court Reservations and Play).

Court Reservations and Play

1. A weekly sign-up sheet will be posted at the courts.
2. Courts are available for sign-up only 48 hours in advance. If a court is reserved prior to the designated time (with respect to the 48-hour rule), you may cross through the improper reservation, replace it with your own, and promptly notify the member whose reservation was replaced.
3. Even if courts are empty, members must sign up. This allows the Tennis Committee to track court usage information which will be valuable to assess the need for additional courts in the future. If a player does not sign up and begins to play on an empty court, he/she could be bumped if another player arrives and signs up for that court.
4. A member may play only two hours per day during prime time to include any time played as part of organized team matches or practice. However, if courts are open after your time slot is complete, you may continue to play if no other member requests the courts.
5. Court times run on the hour in one hour blocks, beginning at 7 a.m. Members may reserve a maximum of two hours of court time per day and only adult members may reserve prime time. However, a dependent may use a court during prime time if it is not reserved and if the 10-minute forfeiture time has lapsed--see #6 below. You may sign up for any member of your household but not for any other member. Please do not split hours or change the pre-printed time slots.
6. If a member fails to show up by 10 minutes past the reserved court time, the reservation is "forfeited", and the court is open on a first come basis. When a court is forfeited, any player may use the court for the balance of that hour only. A player may obtain a "forfeited" court no more than twice a day, up to a maximum of 2 hours per day. The second hour of the forfeited reservation may be used by adult players awaiting a court, with priority given to adult players who have not played or are not scheduled to play that day. All players must sign in for the forfeited court and should note on the sheet the forfeited time slot.
7. Private lessons (for both adult and child) with a pro/coach must be held during non-prime time only and must be scheduled with the Tennis Scheduler. Any person (adult or child) may reserve a court for on-going private lessons in advance, as long as the lessons do not interfere with any sanctioned play (ALTA, USTA, Team Tennis).

8. There is a net divider between Courts 1 and 2 which allows two separate lessons to go on at one time. Courts 1 or 2 should be reserved for lessons whenever possible. This will free up Courts 3 and 4 for leisure and league play. If you are using courts 3 and 4 for a lesson and either Court 1 or 2 is available, the leisure/league players will have the right to ask you to move your lesson.
9. As a courtesy, please remove your name from the sign up sheet as soon as you know you will be unable to keep your court time. Repeated “no shows” will be subject to review by the Tennis Committee.
10. Reserving courts for organized matches takes precedence over reserving courts for recreational play. Make-up of home matches can bump recreational reservations but not prearranged team practices. Make-up matches and pre-season and/or scrimmage matches must be scheduled with the Tennis Scheduler.

Regulations

1. Appropriate tennis attire including shirts and non-scuff, flat-soled tennis shoes are to be worn on the court.
2. Children under 10 years of age must be accompanied or supervised by an adult member when they are playing tennis.
3. Players must conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and practice proper tennis etiquette.
4. No glass containers, pets, skateboards, roller blades, roller skates, bicycles, or strollers are allowed inside the fenced area.
5. After matches, tennis captains are responsible for the following: emptying the trash receptacles, straightening up and locking the bathrooms (when needed), and restacking the chairs on the pavilion.

Enforcement of Rules and Regulations

1. All members should assist in the enforcement of the rules and regulations. Please report violations to the Tennis Committee.
2. Flagrant violation of the rules and regulations will result in sanctions and / or fines that will be determined by the Board.
3. Complaints or grievances shall be submitted in writing to the Tennis Committee for review.

Organized Tennis

1. Tennis captains are required to turn in their rosters to the Tennis Scheduler two weeks prior to the ALTA/USTA submission deadline. Practice times will not be scheduled for the upcoming season until the roster has been submitted.
2. Non-resident fees are to be paid prior to the start of the season. Tennis captains are required to write a single check for the non-resident fees (payable to NFPHA), and submit it to the Tennis Committee Chairperson. It will then be up to each captain to see that they are reimbursed by the non-resident player.
3. Tennis team captains must be residents / members of North Forke Plantation.
4. Tennis Team Waiting List, Vacancies
 - A. The Tennis Committee Chairperson will maintain a list of members interested in joining a tennis team.
 - B. Members are responsible for contacting the Chairperson to get their names on the list.

- C. Each team can set the number for the maximum amount of players. However, a team must have the following minimum amount of North Forke resident / member players to consider a roster closed.

	ALTA	USTA
Men	14	12
Women	14	12
Mixed	16	---
Juniors	08	---

5. Proposals for new teams must be submitted to the Tennis Committee. The proposal shall include the proposed league, category, level and team members. The Tennis Committee will make a determination to sanction a team for play at North Forke Plantation based on the impact on existing teams. A minimum of two thirds (2/3) of the total number of players on any proposed or returning team must be North Forke residents. Should a team be unable to meet the 2/3 rule, the team's Captain may request a special exception from the North Forke Board of Directors. Such a request will be required each season and could be revoked if another team would like that particular slot based on the fact that it can satisfy the 2/3 rule. This special exception will allow teams that cannot meet the 2/3 rule to organize a team and play out of North Forke on a case-by-case, season-by-season basis.
6. Prior to each season, each team will determine the inner workings of their team and its approach to player usage. The Tennis Committee urges fairness and inclusion of members as positive themes for our neighborhood.
7. Each non-resident on a North Forke team will be assessed a fee of \$35 per adult player, \$25 per junior player (per season). No allowances are given for "alternate" status. Funds are to be submitted to the Tennis Committee Chairperson.
8. Attention Captains: Once you obtain your team's official season schedule, please deliver a copy of your schedule to the Tennis Scheduler ASAP.
9. Reserving courts – Official team matches will be preprinted on the weekly schedule. (Please refer to the section entitled "Court Reservations and Play" for additional information.)
10. Teams are automatically scheduled 2 courts for matches. If any remaining courts are open 48 hours before match time, a third court may be signed up at that time and used in addition to the other 2 courts. If at match time, the fourth court is available and beginning match play will not interfere with a later reservation, this court may be used for league play.
11. After completion of an organized match, the court is considered open for recreational play even if a match is still in progress on the adjacent court. Recreational players shall observe good tennis etiquette by not interfering or disrupting any organized match still in progress.
12. After approval of their roster, a team may set aside 2 courts for 2 hours per week in coaching or practice time, which will be blocked off on the sign-up sheets. These times are to be scheduled through the Tennis Scheduler. Practices may begin up to 3 weeks prior to the first scheduled season's match. Existing teams may carry their practice day and time slot over from season to season if they so desire. Once a practice time is given up, it becomes open to all existing teams.
13. Residents who are delinquent in payment of NFPHA dues may not join a sanctioned tennis team at North Forke (ALTA, USTA, T2Tennis, etc.) unless all annual and special assessments, and related late fees, are paid.

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