

SaddleBrooke Tennis Club

RULES

Rules for administering effective and equitable court reservations and other aspects of tennis for the benefit of all SaddleBrooke residents and their guests.

Approved by STC Membership

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Background

Home Owners Associations #1 and #2 have charged the SaddleBrooke Tennis Club (STC) with administering an effective and equitable court reservation system for the benefit of all SaddleBrooke residents. With oversight from the HOA #1 and #2 Tennis Committees, the STC has developed these rules to fulfill this responsibility. These Rules have been approved by the HOA #1 and HOA #2 Boards of Directors. Copies of these Rules are available at the Tennis Center, on the STC website and are part of each HOA's Rules and Regulations.

Organization of these Rules

These Rules have three major sections. The first provides definitions of terms with specific meanings. The second outlines rules applicable to all SaddleBrooke residents and the third pertains to SaddleBrooke Tennis Club exclusively.

Applicability

The Rules apply to these facilities:

SaddleBrooke The eight tennis courts and the Tennis Center are owned by HOA #1 and operate under the jurisdiction of the HOA #1 Tennis Committee.

MountainView, DesertView and The Preserve The twelve courts at the three sites are owned by HOA #2 and operate under the jurisdiction of the HOA #2 Tennis Committee.

Definitions

Default time: ten minutes. Courts not claimed within ten minutes are considered open courts.

Group Tennis Programs: a broad grouping including Tennis for Life, men's and women's singles, unit tennis functions, regular drop-in matches and the like which require scheduling of multiple courts over more than one day.

Hours of Tennis Court Use: sunrise to 10:00 pm.

League Play: USTA, Interclub and others.

Non-adjacent courts: courts not sharing a dividing fence are non-adjacent. The MountainView courts are non-adjacent.

Non-prime Time: all hours other than the first six hours of scheduled play. Scheduled sessions are in two hour increments except for those using ball machines or the backboard, which are in one hour increments.

Official STC Events: events sponsored by the STC to benefit its members and increase interest in tennis throughout the SaddleBrooke community. Examples include club and interclub socials, the Club Championships, Team Tennis and STC Charity Event. Participation is generally limited to STC Members; however, on occasion the STC may include STC Non-Members.

Open Courts: courts not reserved. Open courts are available for play by all residents of SaddleBrooke.

Open Play: all day Wednesday and Sunday and any time on any court not scheduled for Organized Play, League Play or Official STC Events.

Organized Play: matches scheduled by an STC Tennis Coordinator for club members during Prime Time according the following schedule: Women's Doubles on Monday and Friday, Men's Doubles on Tuesday and Thursday and Mixed Doubles on Saturday.

Preferred Guest: a participant in the Robson Communities sales program.

Prime Time: the first six hours of scheduled play. Prime time consists of three two-hour sessions. The starting hour for Prime Time is seasonally adjusted.

SaddleBrooke Resident: any SaddleBrooke Member/Homeowner, Permanent Resident, Renter or Guest who meets the requirements of the Homeowner Rules and Regulations.

STC Member: a SaddleBrooke resident who has paid the appropriate dues to the STC.

STC Non-Member: a SaddleBrooke resident who is not a current member of the STC.

Tennis Center: building at the SaddleBrooke courts. Use and operation is managed by the General Manager of HOA #1 in cooperation with the HOA #1 Tennis Committee and the SaddleBrooke Tennis Club (STC). Phone number: 825-0255. Hours of operation are seasonally adjusted.

Tennis Coordinator: person responsible for scheduling all tennis courts. Tennis Coordinators maintain the master schedule of court reservations. Coordinators are employees of and paid by HOA #1. HOA #1 is reimbursed for coordinator compensation by the STC through STC member dues. The Tennis Center phone number is 825-0255.

Tennis Dress: rubber-soled footwear designed for tennis court play; skirts, dresses, shorts, shirts, sleeved tee shirts or sleeveless/cap sleeved shirts specifically designed for tennis. Tube tops, bare midriffs, halter tops, swimsuits, muscle shirts and the like are inappropriate.

General Tennis Rules

Authorized Use of Tennis Courts: Use of the courts is limited to SaddleBrooke Homeowners, Permanent Residents, Renters or Guests. Non-residents may use the facilities when invited to participate in (1) League Play as a member of a visiting team, (2) Official STC Events, or (3) Authorized Group Programs.

Ball Machines and Backboard: Ball machines are available at the SaddleBrooke and MountainView sites. There is a backboard at The Preserve site. These practice aids are scheduled by the Tennis Coordinators in one hour increments and may not be reserved during Prime Time more than two days in advance. Ball machine use during Prime Time is limited to Court 13 at the MountainView site. Neither aid may be use if Organized Play, League Play or an Official STC Event is scheduled on an adjacent court. The Tennis Coordinators can provide the combinations to the locked cages in which the ball machines are stored. Orientation and instruction for ball machine use is available upon request.

Block Time: Court reservations for consecutive two-hour sessions are prohibited.

Catering: Outside commercial catering may be used in the Tennis Center only after HOA #1 and #2 Food and Beverage have been given the opportunity to provide catering at competitive pricing.

Clinics: See Lessons.

Court Maintenance: Scheduled or emergency court maintenance takes priority over any other use of a court.

Enforcement of Tennis Rules: Violation of these Rules is subject to citation and enforcement in accordance with the respective HOA Rules and Regulations.

Group Tennis Programs: Any SaddleBrooke Resident, club or organization (sponsor) may request these programs. They must receive prior approval by both the HOA#1 and HOA#2 Tennis Committees and be scheduled through the Tennis Coordinators at the Tennis Center. They may not be scheduled before the third session of Prime Time and may not take place on a court adjacent to Organized or League Play. Unless limited by the sponsor to members of its group, participation is open to all SaddleBrooke Residents.

Guest Use: Resident households may reserve one court per day for Guest Use. The Tennis Coordinator may make exceptions depending on court availability. An adult must accompany guests under eighteen years of age when they are using a court.

League Play: USTA leagues and teams are not sponsored by SaddleBrooke or the STC. League play is supported by allowing matches to be scheduled during Prime Time, including during sessions of Organized Play. Court reservations for League Play must be made for the entire season at the time the captains receive their schedules. Participation on SaddleBrooke teams in league play is limited to SaddleBrooke residents. A team roster must be submitted with the application for court reservations. During Organized Play, women receive priority on Monday and Friday, men on Tuesday and Thursday and mixed doubles on Saturday. League play can only be scheduled before the third session of Organized Play at the discretion of the Senior Coordinator. Two hours are allotted for matches (including warm-ups); however, league matches will be played to conclusion regardless of reservations.

Lessons: Tennis Professionals pay a usage fee to conduct fee-based lessons or clinics using SaddleBrooke tennis facilities. Professionals must first register and sign a contract with the controlling HOA. Courts reservations can be made by the SaddleBrooke resident student – NOT the Tennis Professional – with the Tennis Coordinator recording the fact that the court will be used for a lesson or clinic and the name of the Professional instructing. Participation is limited to SaddleBrooke Residents. Lessons and clinics during Prime Time will be limited to the MountainView courts and are scheduled in one hour increments.

Open Courts: Open courts are available on a first-come basis. When the Tennis Center is open, walk-on players must contact the Tennis Coordinator for court assignments. When the Tennis Center is closed, players must honor the court reservation schedule posted at the playing site.

Parking at the Tennis Center: Parking adjacent to the HOA #1 Tennis Center is for golf cart, bicycle, moped and motorcycle parking only.

Pets: Pets, except for those specifically trained to assist the handicapped (and are so identified), are not allowed in any SaddleBrooke facility. Pets must be kept on a leash and be under the control of the pet owner. No pets are allowed in the Tennis Center, on the tennis courts, or in areas where food is being served. In the vicinity of the courts, pets must be leashed and controlled in a manner that is not disruptive to players or spectators while play is in progress.

Playing Time Limit: Play is for a maximum of two hours when others are waiting, except for League Play or Official STC Events. Similarly, ball machines and backboard usage is limited to one hour.

Preferred Guest Use: Preferred Guests have priority over other Guests but not over Members during Organized Play.

Restricted Use of Tennis Courts: Use of the courts is restricted to tennis. Other activities such as skateboarding, rollerblading, basketball, volleyball and all other sports are prohibited.

Scheduling System: Courts are reserved and matches made by the Tennis Coordinators according to the following order:

1. Organized Play (during Prime Time)
2. Non-member residents (three courts as requested)
3. League Play
4. Official STC Events
5. Preferred Guest Program

SaddleBrooke Tennis Club (STC)

Membership: There are two types of STC membership: Regular members pay full annual dues and are entitled to all benefits and activities offered by the club. Associate members pay one-half the annual dues and are eligible to participate in Organized Play and official STC events (with the exception of the Club Championships). Associate membership is limited to short-term renters (three months maximum) or guests. Annual membership dues are prorated for first time members joining after the first of the year. New members must participate in the Player Rating System.

Player Rating System: The STC Player Rating System is solely for the purposes of Organized Play and Official STC Events. The STC Board has the authority to implement, monitor and maintain the Player Rating System as approved by the membership.

Organized Play: Organized Play is the primary focus of the SaddleBrooke Tennis Club. It gives a member the opportunity to play with and against players of comparable ability. A computerized system creates matches from the list of players signing up on the club website or the bulletin board signup sheet.

Eligibility: Only STC members, their nonresident guests (limited to one per member), and Preferred Guests may participate in Organized Play. STC members have first priority followed by Preferred Guests and nonresident guests.

Sign-up: Sign-ups are made on the club website and/or the bulletin board sign-up sheet.

Pairing and Court Assignments: The Tennis Coordinators post the pairings on the website and on the bulletin boards at SaddleBrooke, MountainView and DesertView.

Courts: All courts are reserved for Organized Play use during Prime Time for the five days of Organized Play with these exceptions: (1) League Play, (2) Official STC Events and (3) Non-member use.

Non-member Use: In each Organized Play session, three courts are available for use by Non-Member Residents though exceptions can be made for Official STC Events. Court reservations can be made through the Tennis Center up to one week in advance. STC Members are prohibited from using a Non-Member reserved court. In the event any court has not been reserved at least two days prior to the play date, it may be reserved by any SaddleBrooke resident for play with any member or non-member resident.

Cancellation: Participants who find it necessary to cancel a sign-up, should remove their names from the website sign-up or call the Tennis Coordinator prior to midnight two days prior to the play day. After that time, if it is necessary to cancel, participants should make every effort to find a substitute. In case of an emergency, a message can be left on the Tennis Center answering machine. Repeated cancellations will be treated as a "no show" and subject to the No Show Policy.

No Show Policy: By signing up for Organized Play, STC members make a firm commitment to play for the full session. Other players are depending on all scheduled players in order to have a match. Obviously, emergencies or last minute illnesses mitigate this obligation. However, members must

make a good faith effort to notify the Tennis Coordinator as soon as the inability to play arises. A player must make every effort to find a substitute, using the alternate list on the STC website as a resource. Unexcused “no shows” will receive a warning for the first failure to appear. A second “no show” within twelve months will result in a one-month suspension of Organized Play privileges.

Early Departure: Organized Play is a two hour commitment. Players are expected to play the full two hours barring illness, injury or similar emergency.

Member Guests: A non-member resident may experience Organized Play once each year if sponsored by a member. The sponsoring member is responsible for the conduct of the guest, determining the appropriate level of play and assisting the Tennis Coordinator in arranging the match. Guests do not have priority over STC members.

Open Courts within Prime Time Hours: When Open Courts are available during Prime Time, priority will be given to women on Monday and Friday, to men on Tuesday and Thursday and to mixed doubles on Saturday.

Official STC Events: With the exception of one day events, such as socials, Official STC Events that utilize courts in Non-prime Time must receive prior approval by both the HOA #1 and HOA #2 Tennis Committees.