

# The Ridge Club, Inc. General Tennis Rules and Procedures

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## **DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED IN THESE GUIDELINES:**

- Member: An individual of a household who is CURRENT with The Ridge HOA Homeowners Association Dues
- The Ridge has an open court policy. Members may play on any Court that is not reserved. Matches and special events have priority over individual play on three courts.
- Board: The Ridge HOA Board of Directors
- Committee: The Ridge HOA Tennis Committee

## **The following guidelines and procedures are organized into three sections:**

### **A. GENERAL TENNIS RULES**

- Provides rules and procedures which apply to all tennis play.

### **B. COURT RESERVATIONS - SOCIAL TENNIS PLAY**

- Provides rules and procedures for social tennis play.

### **C. ORGANIZED TEAM PLAY**

- Provides rules and procedures for teams to receive Board authorization and use of court time pertaining to team play and practice. It is the intention of the Board to provide an equal opportunity for all members to join an organized team if they so desire. If you are interested in joining (or starting) a team, please contact the Tennis Committee Chairperson.

## **A. GENERAL TENNIS RULES**

1. Court use is open for play by all Members from 7:30 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. daily.
2. The courts are for the private use of Members and their guests.
3. Non-Members, unless they are guests of a present Member, and non-authorized teams or groups may not use The Ridge Club HOA tennis courts without the prior consent of The Ridge HOA Board of Directors and the Tennis Committee Chairperson.
4. Members may not use the courts for financial gain unless they are coaching residents.
5. Each Member is responsible for ensuring proper usage and etiquette by their family members and guests. Poor language and poor behavior is not acceptable and is a reason to be barred from the courts.
6. Children using the courts without adult supervision must be capable of proper tennis play.

7. Tennis court lights are available for use from twilight to 11:00 P.M. The last players of the evening must turn off the lights when leaving the courts.
8. All litter must be placed in the trashcans on the net posts or the cans outside the courts.
9. Members are responsible for keeping the courts clean and free of trash and litter.
10. Only those members and their guests who are playing on a court are allowed in the fenced in court area.
11. Smooth-soled tennis shoes are to be worn on the courts at all times.
12. NO BIKES, SKATEBOARDS, ROLLER BLADES, CARRIAGES OR OTHER TOYS OR VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED WITHIN THE FENCED TENNIS COURT AREA.
13. Pets are not permitted in or around the court area, meaning on the courts. All pet waste is to be removed by pet owner. Owners not removing their pet's waste will be fined and have their tennis privileges removed.
14. **No glass containers** of any type are permitted within the fenced tennis court area.
15. Tennis court lights are to be turned off by last person leaving the courts.
16. If damage due to negligence or non-compliance of Tennis Rules occurs to the Tennis courts including but not limited to surrounding common area property of the HOA the offending homeowner, guest or children of the homeowner will be held accountable.

## **B. COURT RESERVATIONS - SOCIAL TENNIS PLAY**

1. The Ridge Club HOA uses the online reservation system provided by [www.reservemycourt.com](http://www.reservemycourt.com) for reserving courts.
2. Members must use their personal login ID to reserve a court – a non-member or non-contracted coach cannot reserve a court.
3. The following rules apply if a court is being reserved for a lesson:
  - a. The member must indicate a court is being used for a lesson by stating "**lesson**" or "**group lesson**" under the "Note" section of their reservation in [www.reservemycourt.com](http://www.reservemycourt.com) .
  - b. Only Tennis Pros with a signed contract with The Ridge Club HOA have the right to use the courts with non-members to give private lessons. Otherwise Ridge members are required to be present with their personal Tennis Pro.
    - i. The Ridge Club HOA has a singular contracted Tennis Pro currently.
  - c. Contracted Ridge Tennis Pros must coordinate all lessons with the Tennis Committee.
  - d. The Contracted Ridge Tennis Pro has the right to use one court during scheduled hours, however he/she may use more than one court if available but must yield courts to Ridge players if requested.
  - e. It is requested that beginner lessons be planned side by side when possible so social players do not need to play between coaches. Tennis coaches are to make a best effort to accommodate when possible. Advanced lessons do not apply.
4. **Court one (1) is prioritized for match/social play from 5:00-8:00 PM daily.** This means it is available for lessons only if the three other courts are already reserved. If a lesson is being conducted on court 1 during this time, and there are other open courts, social players have priority and the "lesson" group will need to move to another open court.

5. Leagues can sign up for courts **14 days** in advance and individual social player's can also sign up for a court **14 days** in advance. The Tennis Committee will manage the HOA Pro's schedule.
6. The maximum reserved playing time is two hours and the maximum number of courts any Member can reserve is one.
7. In the event that a Member has reserved a court following the scheduled time for a sanctioned league match and finds the court still in use by the league team, the league team is permitted to finish their match.
8. Players failing to arrive within 15 minutes after their reserved playing time may forfeit their reservation. After the 15-minute grace period, the reserved court and time become available to other members.
9. Members may use an open court on a walk-on basis, but it is best to reserve courts through the online reservation system.
10. The Tennis Committee is responsible for the upkeep and administration of the reservation system.

### **C. ORGANIZED TEAM PLAY**

1. An organized team is any group of Members (and outside players if necessary) listed on the same roster of a sanctioned ALTA or USTA team.
2. Each team must be authorized by the Tennis Committee prior to the start of each playing season. It is the responsibility of each team's captain to request approval for the use of the Club. A copy of the intended Player List must be submitted to the Tennis Committee at least one (1) week prior to the start of the appropriate season. The approval process includes verification of Member being current with their Homeowner dues. This approval process must be followed for any roster additions that may occur after the initial sign-up period.
3. The team captain must provide the Tennis Committee with a schedule of the team's matches at least one (1) week prior to the start of the season.
4. The Tennis Committee has the capacity to authorize organized teams based on the number of courts available and the history of court usage. Teams playing out of The Ridge are expected to be composed of Members. When the minimum number of required players cannot be met, as defined by ALTA and USTA Rules, players from outside The Ridge Club may be added to the roster.
5. Each adult outside player shall pay a fee of \$20 for each season and each league that they play on an official team, up to a maximum of \$60 annually. Each junior outside player shall pay a fee of \$15 for each season and each league that they play on an official team, up to a maximum of \$45 annually. Checks should be made payable to The Ridge Club Homeowners Association, collected by the Team Captain, and submitted to the Tennis Committee before the first match is played. Funds collected from outside players shall be used to defer the cost of maintenance and utilities. Captains will be held responsible for out of neighborhood fees.
6. All outside players are restricted to Club use only during designated team practices, team coaching, and official ALTA/USTA scheduled matches unless otherwise

accompanied by a Member. It is the Team Captain's responsibility to inform each outside player of The Ridge Club Tennis Facility Rules and Guidelines.

7. Either the Team Captain or Co-captain must be a Member unless the team has a designated Ridge Resident representative responsible for ensuring all rules are abided. The Captain and/or Co-captain are responsible for cleaning up after all home tennis matches.
8. Authorized teams may schedule one team practice each week for a two (2) hour period.
9. Only one authorized team may practice at a time and may occupy two courts only unless there is prior approval from the tennis committee chairperson. The remaining two (2) courts must remain open to Members not associated with the practicing team. Pre-assigned practice times will be assigned each season by the Tennis Committee based upon day/hour requests and will be accommodated whenever possible. Approved practice and home match schedules must be reserved using the online reservation system. It is the Team Captain's responsibility to schedule home make-up matches as soon as they are arranged. Make-up matches must be noted as such when reservations are made using the "Notes" area of the reservation. Team captains may also reserve a third court for official matches. The fourth court must be left open to other non-team member residents during official matches.
10. Organized teams are expected to be self-governing units operating on their own once the initial requirements have been satisfied. Violations may result in denial or revocation of team authorization and forfeiture of any fees.

## **PROBLEMS/CONCERNS**

- The Tennis Committee shall resolve any misunderstanding or disputes regarding these rules of The Ridge Tennis Facility. Please report any misuse of our facility or these rules to the Tennis Committee.

## **CHANGES**

- The Tennis Committee reserves the right to amend these rules as needed and submit any changes in writing to the Board of Directors for approval. Rules subject to change without notice.

## **MAINTENANCE**

- The Tennis Committee will inspect the courts, nets, windscreens, fence, scoreboards, trash receptacles, and the deck area for normal wear and tear and/or new damage every month. The Tennis Committee will inform the Board of Directors of any action items on an as needed basis.
- Each year an estimate of repair/replacement costs for items necessary to keep the facility in good working order will be submitted to the Board of Directors.