

HENRY FARM TENNIS CLUB

Rules and regulations

1. Definitions

- 1.1. **Executive Board:** the Henry Farm Community Tennis Club board of Officers and Directors (see Bylaws)
- 1.2. **Club:** the Henry Farm Community Tennis Club located
- 1.3. **External League:** organized inter-club tennis leagues such as ICTA, NYTA or Toronto Ladies/Men, etc.
- 1.4. **Free Play:** tennis play unorganized by the Club; courts used for Free Play are booked by the members.
- 1.5. **Member:** individual that has registered as a member of the Club and has paid his membership fee
- 1.6. **Members in Good Standing:** a Member that does not owe any monies to the Club, is supportive of the Club's objectives and is not the subject of a disciplinary investigation or sanction by the Club or by any Association of which the Club is a member.
- 1.7. **Organized Play:** tennis play organized by the Club such as tournaments, league play, group lessons, special events, etc.; the courts used for Organized Play are booked by a member of the Executive Board.
- 1.8. **Public Hours:** prime time hours allocated to play by non-members as required by the City of Toronto; play during Public Hours is free.
- 1.9. **Prime Time Hours:** time periods defined by the City of Toronto; usually weekdays evening and week-ends; Prime Time Hours are established by the Executive Board and are posted at the outside Club

2. Access to the Club:

- 2.1. Access to the Club facilities is reserved primarily to Members in Good Standing of the Club.
- 2.2. Members in Good Standing can invite non-member guests to play. Accompanied guests shall pay a guest fee of \$5 per day. Members are responsible for the good behaviour of their guests.
- 2.3. Unaccompanied non-members can play against the payment of a guest fee of \$10 per day.
- 2.4. Guest fees shall be handed to the Club monitor or to the Club Pro.
- 2.5. Club facilities are open to non-members during "public hours" as required by the City of Toronto. Public hours are posted outside the Club fence.
- 2.6. Bicycle riding, skate boarding, roller skating and similar wheeled activities are not allowed on the courts.
- 2.7. No pets are allowed on the premises of the Club. Members shall attach their pets outside the Club fence, shall discipline their pets for barking and shall clean up after them.
- 2.8. Members and guests are required to take good care of the Club facilities, keep them clean and shall prevent vandalism.

3. Tennis Etiquette

- 3.1. The rules of fair play shall apply at all times.
- 3.2. Good sportsmanship, honesty, courtesy, respect and proper consideration for everyone at the Club shall be demonstrated at all times. Inappropriate conduct or foul language will not be tolerated. Infringement of these rules could lead, at the Club Executive Board's discretion, to disciplinary action, including the expulsion from the Club without compensation.
- 3.3. Members and guests assistance is requested in keeping the Club premises clean and tidy.
- 3.4. Do not enter a court when others are using it.
- 3.5. Do not walk behind players to cross a court when play is in progress; wait until rally or point stops.
- 3.6. Do not retrieve your ball if it goes into another court; rather ask for it to be returned when there is a pause in play on that court.
- 3.7. **In case of dispute between the court monitor/Club Pro and a player, the monitor/Pro decision is final. Appeals and complaints may be made to the Club Executive Board.**

4. Proof of membership:

- 4.1. Members shall wear their membership tag in a visible location (ideally in their tennis shoe laces). If challenged, players shall show their membership tags or their proof of payment in a gracious manner.
- 4.2. Players who cannot demonstrate their membership, or their guest fee payment will be considered trespassers and will be requested to leave the Club.

5. Clothing

- 5.1. Tennis-appropriate dress code is always required:
 - 5.1.1. Men: shorts and sleeved shirt; no bare chests regardless of weather.
 - 5.1.2. Ladies: shorts or skirts, tennis dresses, sleeved shirts
- 5.2. During cooler weather, warm-up suits and track pants are permitted
- 5.3. Tennis shoes or non-marking running shoes must always be worn on the courts; no street shoes.

6. Alcohol and smoking

- 6.1. No alcohol consumption is permitted on the Club premises, unless approved in writing by the Club Executive Board and permitted by the City of Toronto and the LCBO.
- 6.2. Smoking is not allowed on the premises of the Club.
- 6.3. Food and beverages in open containers are not allowed on the courts.

7. Balls

- 7.1. Only three balls should be used in regular play.
- 7.2. More balls can be used on Court 4 for lessons by the Club pros, and with the dividing curtains extended.

8. Free play

- 8.1. Outside “Organized Play” times, the courts are open for “Free Play” by members, their paying guests, paying non-members and the general public during Public Hours.
- 8.2. “Organized Play” times are blocked out on the Club court reservation system, and are not available for Free Play
- 8.3. Free Play is on the basis of first-come, first-play.
- 8.4. Free Play is in blocks of one hour, starting on the hour.
- 8.5. Members with an on-line court reservation have priority. Members are encouraged to use this reservation facility that is available on the Club website and that is open to members and paying guests.
- 8.6. Players who make an on-line reservation are required to bring proof of the reservation confirmation (paper print-out or electronic email on smartphone) in order to forestall any conflict.
- 8.7. If there are players waiting, please restrict your play to your reserved time or to 60 minutes; court rotation is on the hour. The buzzer at the clubhouse will sound on the hour.

9. Participation in external leagues

- 9.1. The Club’s participation in external leagues (e.g. ICTA, NYTA, etc.) shall be determined by the Executive Board, taking into consideration players interest in such participation and their play level.
- 9.2. Team composition, including captain and co-captain shall be approved by the Club Executive Board.
- 9.3. All rules of external leagues shall be followed. Any exceptions shall be granted by the external league authorities.

10. Court usage

- 10.1. Tournaments, league play and other organized play shall take place on a maximum of 3 courts (courts 1 to 3), unless an exception is granted by the Executive Board
- 10.2. Court 4 shall be prioritized for lessons.

11. Suspension of membership

- 11.1. A membership could be suspended, cancelled or not-renewed and the member expelled from the Club in the following circumstances:
 - 11.1.1. Repeated behaviour at the Club contrary to the requirements of Tennis Etiquette as decribed in par. 3
 - 11.1.2. Violation of the rules of External Leagues
- 11.2. A member is suspended by decision of the Club Executive Board
- 11.3. Suspension can be without compensation by decision of the Club Executive.



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RULES AND REGULATIONS - SUMMARY

(see website for details)

1. Outside public hours, access to the Club is allowed only to Members of the Club and to paying guests.
2. Guests of members pay \$5 per day; unaccompanied guests pay \$10 per day.
3. Good sportsmanship, honesty, courtesy, respect and proper consideration for everyone at the Club shall be demonstrated at all times. Inappropriate conduct or foul language will not be tolerated.
4. Infringement of these rules could lead, at the Club Executive Board's discretion, to disciplinary action, including the expulsion from the Club without compensation.
5. Do not interrupt on-going play by retrieving a ball or crossing a court.
6. Tennis-appropriate clothing and shoes are required at all times.
7. Members shall wear their membership tag in a visible location (ideally in their tennis shoe laces). If challenged, players shall show their membership tags or their proof of payment in a gracious manner.
8. No alcohol consumption or smoking is allowed at the Club; no food or beverages in open containers on the courts.
9. Free Play is on a first-come, first-served basis:
 - 9.1. Members who have a proven on-line reservation have priority; when late for 10 minutes or more, the court time is released.
 - 9.2. Free Play is in blocks of 60 minutes starting on the hour (per buzzer).
 - 9.3. If members are waiting to play, on-going Free Play without a reservation shall end at the top of the current hour.
10. Court 4 shall be prioritized for lessons.
11. Members and guests shall take good care of the Club facilities, shall keep them clean and shall prevent vandalism.
12. No pets are allowed on the Club premises.

