



## 2010 Tennis Guidelines

### GENERAL OPERATING RULES....

1. **PLEASE REGISTER ALL GUESTS IN THE PRO SHOP BEFORE GOING ONTO THE COURTS!!** Guest fees are year-round! Please pay the fee of \$5 per player BEFORE PLAYING! If the pro shop is not staffed ~ collect the money and DROP IT IN THE DROP BOX (MAILBOX) in front of the pro shop OR bring it to the pro shop the next time you are at the club!! This is truly an HONOR system.
2. All tennis players are required to check the sign up sheet for court availability and sign up prior to going on the court. You will be bumped if you are not signed up and others are waiting! **Please be prepared to show your GVP identification card at this time.**
3. **The tennis courts are for tennis only!** No other activities, including frisbee, skateboarding, football, and bicycling, are permitted on the courts at any time. If the courts are being used for non-tennis activities, the people involved will be asked to leave the club for a time period designated by the GVP Tennis Committee and Tennis Director.
4. Shirts and shoes must be worn at all times. No swimming attire is allowed on the courts.
5. Only smooth-soled shoes are to be worn on both the hard and soft courts. **Help us protect your investment.** Bare feet are not permitted. After an initial warning, persons who continue to wear improper footwear will lose their playing privileges for a period of one week. Players not wearing the proper footwear will be asked not to play and/or to leave the facility. **NO RUNNING SHOES ALLOWED!!!**
6. The tennis courts are **closed** for use when locked and /or the nets are down. This is the decision of the Tennis Director and that decision IS FINAL!! We have the safety of the members in mind and to protect the integrity of the courts for future use by the entire membership – not a selected few.
7. Tennis players are expected to turn off the lights after evening play. All tennis activities will cease at 10pm - this is year round. Our court maintenance will start at 10pm if not earlier due to court usage. If playing at 10pm you will be asked to stop playing.
8. Any tennis lessons held on the Green Valley tennis courts are to be conducted by the Green Valley Professional Staff. The tennis director has the exclusive rights to offer lessons for pay at this facility.
9. Only Green Valley members are allowed to take lessons while at Green Valley from a staff professional. If a Green Valley member wants to bring a non-member to be included in on a lesson or team clinic – they may do so but the guest must pay the \$5 guest fee in addition to the cost of the lesson or clinic.
10. Members may use squeegees on the hard courts, but may not use squeegees on the soft courts.

## Tennis Guests

1. ALL GUESTS may play at any time when accompanied by a GVP member. **Please pay the guest fee of \$5 in the pro shop before going on the courts!!**
2. Each guest must present a valid guest pass when registering at the pro shop prior to play if fees are not collected. Please see the section regarding guest passes in the handbook.
3. At least one member is **REQUIRED** to be playing on the court with guests unless the match is a GVP Board approved USTA match.
4. The GVP Tennis Guest policy is year-round. The \$5 guest fee will be charged at **all times during the year.**
5. **Failure to pay guest fees will result in loss of club privileges.**
6. All non-members taking part in an instructional program are required to pay the \$5 guest fee as well.
7. Guests may not play more than 4 times per calendar month. A guest of one Member may not be the guest of another Member during the same calendar month. Exceptions will be made for out of town guests and clinic participants.

## Tennis Etiquette

1. The use of profanity, throwing of racquets or slamming of balls is prohibited. You may be asked to leave the premises if you are in violation.
2. Courts should be surrendered immediately at the expiration of time if others are waiting. This is a courtesy to all members. Let the group finish their point or game – **BE POLITE!**
3. Members should leave the court immediately when it is time for court maintenance. This may be for a staff professional or junior staff member.
4. Unsupervised children under the age of 10 are not allowed on or around the tennis courts, unless they are playing tennis.

## Tennis Court Reservations

1. **Courts may be reserved NO MORE than two days in advance after 7:00am** by using the sign-up sheet outside of the pro shop or by calling the tennis shop at 292-8740 and leaving a voice mail. **We DO NOT accept email court reservations!** For example, if reserving a court for Friday, you may call after 7:00am on Wednesday for that reservation. **REMINDER, COURT RESERVATIONS CANNOT BE MADE VIA EMAIL!**
2. When reserving a court please include the names of all players, time of play, and the number of guests that you will have accompanying the member.
3. Reservations are limited to one per day per member. All members playing on reserved courts are considered to have a reservation.
4. Courts reserved but not claimed within ten (10) minutes of their designated starting time will be considered a “no-show” and the court will be forfeited and opened up for another member’s use.
5. Courts are booked on the hour and ½ hour. We do not accept a 5:15pm reservation.
6. The backboard (court 8) may be reserved for up to 30 minutes by an individual Member.

7. The ball machine may be reserved up to two days prior to play by any Member over the age of 16.
8. A member is expected to cancel a reserved court promptly if he/she knows that the court will not be used. If a reservation becomes a “no-show”, all players signed up for that court WOULD lose their tennis privileges for one week.
9. Reserved courts are limited to stated time on the sign-up sheet. When making a court reservation, you can only book a court for a 1-½ hour time period. If the court is open on the sign-up sheet after your designated time, you are welcome to stay and play until the next reservation arrives. Open courts are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Play is limited to 90 minutes unless no one is waiting to play. A court may only be reserved for 90 minutes at a time. If after that time no one has signed up to play on that court or has not shown up to play there, that group is welcome to play as long as they desire.

### **Tennis Court Hours of Operation**

Members can play tennis from 8:00am to 10pm provided the courts are open. ***The soft courts will not open for daily play until 8:00am.*** If a member wishes to play before 8am, he / she should not expect the court & cooler maintenance to be complete. The soft courts are maintained and watered on a daily basis between 7:30- 8am, afternoon available times, and after 10pm. During the Ladies Gate City seasons (April – May and September – October), the soft courts will not be available until after 12pm. These matches are held on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Gate City practices have priority on the soft courts for TEAM practices. The teams will only use 2 soft courts at the most.

#### **Court Sign-Up Sheets:**

The Court Sign-Up sheets are located outside of the pro shop from mid-March through mid-November and during the winter when needed. This is done for the convenience of the membership. During the winter months (mid-November through mid-March), the hard courts are on a first come first serve basis when the sign-up sheets are not posted.

#### **Priorities of courts use:**

Members may reserve courts in the priority listed below:

#### **Hard Courts**

**Mid - March through late November:** Adult and youth members have an equal opportunity to sign up for a hard court as long as the soft courts are open for play.

**Late November through mid - March:** Adults have priority on the hard courts during the winter months if the soft courts are closed for the season. Junior players (ages 18 & Under) CAN NOT “bump” adults from their court reservations during the winter time period or when the soft courts are closed.

#### **Soft Courts**

**Late March - November:** The courts are open for play provided the weather has not delayed their opening and the freeze does not come too early in the winter. Adults have priority in

signing up for the soft courts at all times except during regularly scheduled events by the professional staff.

**December - Mid March:** The courts are open for play, weather depending. Please remember that the soft courts do freeze and will remain frozen until the nighttime temperatures warm above freezing. If the gates are locked or the nets are down – THE COURTS ARE CLOSED!