

Rules for Use of Tennis Courts (revised May 2020)

Any person in a family whose dues are up-to-date for the current year is a Member for the purposes of these rules.

GUESTS – There are two types

- A **Bona Fide House Guest** is one who is living at a member's home on a temporary basis, and does not normally reside in the area around the Town of Barnstable. These guests may use a tennis court with the permission of his/her member-host without that member being present.
- **Other Guests** may use a tennis court only when a member or a Bona Fide House Guest is present. A person whose family is eligible to join the Holly Point Beach and Tennis Association, but has not done so, may be a guest of a member only once per season.

COURT USE

- Each court may be used by 2 to 4 players, at least one of whom is a Member or a Bona Fide House Guest.
- One member and his group may not occupy both courts if a party is waiting to use a court except in the special cases of tournaments or Tennis Socials.
- If a group arrives at the courts and wishes to play, but both courts are in use, the group that has been playing the longest will relinquish its court to the newly arrived group within 90 minutes. While waiting for a court to be available, please do not stand inside the court area. Also, as a courtesy to other players, please keep noise down to a minimum.

EQUIPMENT AND DRESS

- Only tennis rackets and balls are permitted to be used on the courts.
- Shoes must be regular tennis shoes or white-soled sneakers. No cleated or hard-soled shoes are permitted on the court surface. Players may not be barefoot.
- Individuals may wear whatever garments they deem appropriate, as long as they are not in violation of decency laws. As is the rule at all courts, players must wear shirts.

NOT PERMITTED WITHIN THE COURT ENCLOSURE:

- Bicycles, wheeled toys and other paraphernalia potentially destructive to the court surface.
- Smoking
- Anyone not actually playing tennis.

MAINTENANCE

- All rubbish should be removed each time you visit the courts. Before you leave for the day, please walk around and pick up stuff even if you didn't bring it.
- The last Member or Bona Fide Guest to leave the court at any time is expected to be sure the courts are locked before leaving.
- Wear and damage to equipment should be reported to the [Tennis Committee](#) so it can be repaired.

CARS AND PARKING

- Head-on parking is allowed in the area directly in front of the courts. However, the Tennis Committee encourages all players to walk or ride bikes to the tennis courts.

TENNIS SOCIALS

- Each Member Family may arrange two Tennis Socials per season, in which that family may reserve both courts for themselves and guests for up to three hours.
- At least one Member is expected to be present on the court property at all times during a Tennis Social.
- Members should arrange any planned Social with the [Tennis Committee](#) two weeks in advance.

TRESPASSERS

- Any individuals or groups on the courts or grounds who are neither Members nor Guests nor accompanied by a Member or a Bona Fide House Guest are trespassers.
- The Tennis Committee requests that members ask these people to vacate the courts and grounds, and to ask the local police for help to eject these trespassers if they refuse to leave otherwise. The Association will seek prosecution of these trespassers if the situation warrants such action.
- **IMPORTANT:** *Please do not share the combination of the lock with anyone.*

LIABILITY

The Association will not be held responsible or liable to any Member or Guest for injury to person or damage or loss of property for any reason. Those using the tennis court facilities do so at their own risk.