

VIRGINIA HOLLINGER MEMORIAL TENNIS CLUB POLICIES and RULES 2011

GENERAL INFORMATION

Membership Responsibilities – The operation of the Virginia Hollinger Memorial Tennis Club must reflect credit upon the name of the late Virginia Hollinger McCloud. All Club members and their guests are to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen, both on and off the courts while at the Club.

No alcoholic beverages of any kind are to be served, sold, used, or permitted on the courts at any time. Any member who abuses membership privileges shall be subject to review and appropriate action by the Board of Trustees.

Reserved Courts – Courts may neither be held open nor reserved for general play. They may be reserved for official Club functions or scheduled tournament matches.

Tournaments – All club tournaments are for members age 21 and over, unless otherwise stated. Sign up in the Clubhouse prior to tournaments. It is each player's responsibility to contact the Tournament Director concerning match times.

Activities – Check Club House window, bulletin boards, newsletter, or website for Club sponsored activities and special events.

Annual Dues – Dues are billed in February of each year. Payment is due by March 15. We accept checks, Visa and Master Card.

RULES FOR USE OF THE COURTS

Courts open at 8:00 am and close one half hour before dusk.

Play begins at 8:00 am - provided the courts are fit for use.

There is court maintenance that needs to be performed at the end of each day. Please be considerate and vacate the courts while there is still sufficient daylight.

Apparel – All members and guests, when playing on the courts, must wear clean, neat tennis apparel. Shirts must be worn at all times. Shoes that are not designed for clay will dig into the courts, causing damage. Shoes with deep, wide grooves, running shoes, cross trainers, or shoes with waffle bottoms are not allowed.

You must wear clay court tennis shoes while playing.

Courtesies – Always use proper tennis etiquette. Upon entering courts, always close the gates behind you. When inside the fence, don't walk behind a court when a point is in play.

Please return stray tennis balls to the proper court only after the other court has completed their point. Striking the top of the net is prohibited. Please smooth any roughness caused by quick starts, sudden stops, or slides.

Wet Courts – It is very easy to damage a wet court. Just because the rain has stopped doesn't mean the courts are ready for play. Give the courts a little extra time to dry. If you are playing and it starts to rain, please stop if rain lasts more than a few minutes.

Clean Up – When you are finished playing, please deposit your used water cups and metal can lids in the trash buckets that are next to each court.

Racquet rack rules - During peak court usage, please use the racquet rack in order to control play. It is located at the end of the grandstand between Courts 3 and 4. To insure priority, a member of the waiting group should place a racquet behind those racquets already in the rack. When a court is vacated, it becomes available to the group having a racquet in the front position.

NOTE: You may not place a racquet in the rack until all members of your group are courtside, ready for play. When members are waiting to play, you must relinquish your court upon finishing the current set. If you are practicing, hit for another 15 minutes, after which you vacate the court to those waiting. Common practice is to call out "Court Open" to notify those who are waiting. When it is your turn to take the court, you may play one set only, with 5-10 minutes warm-up (or hit for a 30-minute practice period). Then you must make the court available to others who have racquets in the rack.

Tie Breaker - When others are waiting, a mandatory set tie-breaker (first to 7 points by 2) shall be used if the score reaches 6 games all.

Three on a Court – During crowded periods, if there are only three members in your group, you are entitled to use of a court. However, you may not start with three and then add a fourth when they arrive.

Use of Ball Machine – The ball machine may be used on Court 1 only, with the curtain drawn. Its use shall not interfere with tennis play when the courts are fully occupied. If Court 1 is occupied and other courts are open, you may ask the players on Court 1 to move to an open court.

It would be courteous for the players on Court 1 to move, but they can refuse. Time usage of the ball machine shall be limited to ½ hour segments at a charge of \$5 per segment. Fees will be used to replace practice balls. Before leaving the court, the member using the ball machine must pick up all loose tennis balls, tie up drawn nets, and return the machine to the Pro Shop.

COURT MAINTENANCE

Closed Courts – At least three courts and *possibly all courts under extreme heat conditions*, will be closed every afternoon between 1:00 and 3:30 for *at least* one hour or more for brushing and watering. Courts may be closed at others times depending on maintenance needed. Please follow the directions of staff members when asked to move or vacate courts.

Resumption of Play – After periods of rain or court maintenance, play may not resume until the courts are deemed playable by a staff member.

RULES REGARDING GUESTS *changes for 2011

Guests must always be registered in the clubhouse before entering the courts.
Members are responsible for the conduct of their guests.

Members must go to the Club House to register guests in the guest registration book, and deposit the guest fee or guest pass in the box provided. In the past, we have noted that sometimes guests were not signed in or did not pay the fee, and we wish to reiterate that it is the member's responsibility to do so and to assure that the guest does not exceed the two-days-per-month limit. Of course, guests wishing to play more often should be encouraged to join our club so they may play indefinitely.

* A guest fee or guest pass is required for all guests *including first time guests*
The guest fee can be applied to membership dues should the guest join.

* If a guest is observed playing without having been signed in and the guest fee paid, a staff member will stop play between games and request that the member register and pay for the guest. At that time, the member will be provided a copy of Club Rules, available in the Clubhouse. We encourage our members to invite guests within the rules we have established and hope that this enforcement is not necessary.

Local Guests – are welcome to use the club facilities provided they are accompanied by a club member. Members must pay a \$10 guest fee (per guest) and register them in the guest registration book before entering the courts.

There is no limit on the number of different guests you may bring each month, but a local guest may play only twice each month regardless of with whom they play. It is incorrect to assume that a local guest may play more than twice in a month because he or she is playing with different members at different times.

Non-Resident House Guests who are visiting a member for an extended period of time are entitled to play with a member for 3 days per season at no charge. However, each additional time the guest must pay the \$10 guest fee. Use of club facilities as a non-resident house guest is limited to 10 days during the season.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Single – Age 22 years or older as of January 1 of the current year.

Family – Husband and/or wife along with children under 22 years of age as of January 1 of the current year.

Junior – Under age 22 as of January 1 of the current year.

Associate - Membership for one wishing to maintain affiliation with the Club and be listed on the Club Roster. An associate has no playing privileges except as the guest of a regular member, paying the \$10 guest fee, and limited to twice per month.

NOTE: An active member may convert to an Associate membership at the start of any new year when dues are paid.

Patron – Full membership for single or family who has contributed \$1,000 or more to the Club.

Invitational – Offered at the discretion of the Board of Trustees to outstanding players in the Dayton area. Consideration is given to local rankings. Membership may be renewed at stated membership fee in effect.

Honorary - Offered on recommendation of the Board of Trustees to persons who have contributed significantly to the Club or to the game of tennis.

RULES FOR JUNIORS

Junior Members Ages 17-22 have the same court privileges as adult members at all times.

Junior Members Ages 12-16 have the same court privileges as adult members until 5:00 pm.

After 5:00 pm these junior members must vacate their court to waiting adult members when members ask them for the court. However, when all courts are in use and there is at least one adult member on the court, these junior members do not have to vacate the court.

Junior members may bring a junior guest for a fee of \$5 per visit, limited to twice per month. Junior members may bring an adult guest for a fee of \$10.