

## TENNIS RULES

### GENERAL:

1. Court Hours: 8:00am - 10:00pm
2. Time Limits:
  - a. Singles: 1 hour
  - b. Doubles: 1 1/2 hours
3. Sportsmanlike and courteous behavior is required at all times.
4. Tennis players have priority on the tennis courts. When a court is in use for tennis, the adjacent court can only be used for tennis.
5. Players must wear tennis attire and tennis shoes on the courts.
6. No food, tobacco products or chewing gum are allowed on the courts.
7. No rollerblades, scooters, balls (other than tennis balls), bicycles or similar equipment are allowed on or around the courts.
8. The last one off the courts at night should turn off the lights and lock the front gate if the pool is not open.
9. Squeegees, brooms, and score posts are stored in the tennis shed and should be returned there after use. Empty court trash when containers are full.
10. From time to time the board may approve court usage by non-member organizations (e.g. school tennis teams). The courts and times will be posted on the tennis kiosk. During the DeKalb County High School tennis season, Lakeside High School will be permitted to use three of the courts on weekdays from 3:30pm – 5:00pm, Monday – Friday.
11. The Tennis Committee may at any time publish, distribute and post on the tennis bulletin board more detailed tennis procedures and rules.

### REGISTRATION:

1. All members must register on the sign-up sheet with name and time before play begins. Players who fail to register shall forfeit the court immediately if others arrive and the other courts are all in use.
2. If the courts are in use at the time of arrival, a court may be reserved for the next available time period by signing the waiting list at the bottom of the Sign-up Sheet. You must be in the tennis court area when a court becomes available or your name will be crossed off the waiting list.
3. Members must vacate the court immediately at the correct time if other players are waiting and no other courts are available.

### COURT PRIORITY:

1. No more than 4 courts may be reserved and/or used at any one time for league play, team practices, clinics or lessons without Tennis Committee permission.

2. Normally scheduled and approved ALTA and USTA home matches will be given priority on courts 1 through 4 as needed. When only one team has a home match, it may use up to three courts. If two teams have home matches, each team may use two courts.
3. At other times, the following guidelines apply:
  - a. Courts 1 and 2 may be reserved once per week by any member or group of members by following Court Reservation Procedures for ALTA or USTA home make-up matches (reservations will be allowed for away matches if taking place during the weekday and ending before 5:00 pm) or for T-2, K-Swiss or other league play matches.
  - b. Courts 3 and 4 are only for normal member use (not for paid lessons).
  - c. After 6 pm weekdays, clinics, team practices and paid lessons may be held only on courts 5 and 6 unless those courts are wet in which case courts 3 and 4 may be used.
4. Courts may be reserved for team practice provided, however, a team that has hired a tennis coach has priority over a team that has not. Adult teams may reserve 1 hour of time per week on courts 5 and 6. If necessary, the Tennis Committee may approve alternative practice arrangements.
5. A member taking a paid lesson may once per week reserve court 5 or 6 by phoning or emailing the Tennis Committee of the date and time. After obtaining approval, the member must post the reservation on the tennis kiosk at least 24 hours before his or her lesson. Time allowed for lessons is 1 hour for a singles lesson and 1 ½ hours for a doubles lesson.
6. Twin Lakes may use any and all courts for special events with Board permission.
7. If necessary, the Tennis Committee may cancel team practices on a given night in order to accommodate ALTA or USTA make-up home (not away) matches.

#### GUESTS:

1. Members may invite guests who reside outside the geographic boundaries to use the tennis facilities at any time, and may invite guests who reside inside the geographic boundaries only on "open" Tuesday.
2. Guest fees:
  - a. One player on each court must be a member.
  - b. Guest fees are \$2.00 per day. Members must complete the guest fee slip or envelope and deposit it with the fee in the appropriate box before commencing play.
  - c. Guests participating in ALTA, USTA or any other league matches do not pay guest fees.

#### ALTA AND USTA:

1. Except as provided below, to participate on a Twin Lakes tennis team, a person must be a member in good standing at Twin Lakes.
2. Any member interested in joining a team may contact the Tennis Committee, a team captain or post their name on the tennis kiosk.

3. Rosters and season schedules must be submitted to the Tennis Committee before each season begins.
4. Rosters must be posted on the tennis kiosk two weeks before the registration deadline each season to give members an opportunity to join a team.
5. All home matches and team practice schedules must be submitted to the Tennis Committee and be posted on the Tennis Kiosk prior to the season.
6. Team practice times must be approved by the Tennis Committee.
7. Applications for new ALTA and USTA teams at Twin Lakes must be submitted to the Tennis Committee for approval.
8. If a Twin Lakes team is having difficulty filling its roster, its captain can petition the Board to add non-members to its roster. The written petition should be sent to the Tennis Committee (which will present it to the board) and should contain the team's efforts to add Twin Lakes members.
9. The decision of the Board will be based on the team's need to add players so that the team can continue to participate in ALTA or USTA. If approved, the petition will cover a one-year term and will allow the team to add up to four non-members at a cost of \$50.00 per non-member, per season. The captain is personally responsible for the \$50 non-member fee. Non-members can attend team practices and home matches. Non-members shall have no additional rights under our bylaws or general rules. If a Twin Lakes member sells his or her membership but remains in the Twin Lakes Geographic Boundary as defined above, he or she cannot avail himself or herself of this provision during the two-year period following the sale of his or her membership.
10. The Tennis Committee will seek to balance the needs of team and league tennis players with the needs of the general tennis-playing membership.

#### K-SWISS AND T-2:

1. Members shall inform the Tennis Committee that they are playing in K-Swiss or T-2.
2. If all courts allocated for reserved match play have been reserved, members may play their matches on a space available basis as for any member playing tennis.

#### COURT 1 & 2 RESERVATION PROCEDURES

1. Courts 1 and 2 may be reserved for the reasons explained earlier unless one or both have been blocked by the Tennis Committee during periods of scheduled match play or for other reasons. To reserve a court, members should request a User ID and Password from one of the Tennis Committee members and then proceed to <http://twinlakesswimtennis.onlinecourtreservations.com>.
2. Members may go to <http://twinlakesswimtennis.onlinecourtreservations.com> and reserve either court 1 or 2 if they have not already been reserved or blocked from being reserved for 2 hours for league match play. Members should not reserve a court 2 hours or less prior to an already scheduled match if there is a chance they may delay the start of the already scheduled match; nor should they reserve a court right after an already scheduled match if there is a chance that match may exceed 2 hours. Members should do a screen print of their reservation and post it on the tennis bulletin board at least 24 hours before they begin their play. In the case of any conflicts, this screen print shall be proof that they have reserved the court and are entitled to its use during the reserved period.

3. Members are asked to go to <http://twinlakesswimtennis.onlinecourtreservations.com> and promptly delete their reservation if they learn they will not be using the court.