

## **OPEN TENNIS RULES**

*Open Saturday & Sunday afternoons & public holidays, courts 1 & 2 will be reserved for Open Tennis. Play is limited to 30 minutes. Players may sign up for their initial half hour of play, thirty minutes prior to the commencement of Open Tennis (2:30pm). Players may then sign up after every thirty minutes of play. "Players must leave the court to sign up for additional periods of play. Players may not sign other players' names & must sign up in person & must follow the time slots, meaning, you cannot sign up for later time slots". Singles can be played if numbers are low. These rules will be posted outside the Pro Shop for all Open Tennis players to see. If anyone has any questions, please ask to speak to the Racquets Manager who will be more than happy to listen & respond to your queries.*

- 1) Players are allowed to switch positions with each other on the waiting list by mutual consent. If players move up the list due to a switch, they forfeit their last sign-up position.
- 2) Likewise, if players move up the list due to absent players, as long as the match time played is more than 25 minutes, the previous spot will be forfeited. If less than 25 minutes, player may keep their spot in the next time slot.
- 3) Players on court may continue to play after signing up for the next half hour if there are no names on the sign-up sheet.
- 4) If only one player has signed up & is waiting to go onto court, one of the players playing in the previous four, should make way for the waiting player.
- 5) If Open Tennis court time is to be used for Tournament play, notice to this effect should be posted on the bulletin board one week in advance.
- 6) Junior members aged 16+ are allowed to join in Open Tennis sessions if there are no adults waiting to play & only if the level is high enough, the Tennis Manager should be consulted before playing. Juniors may use the Open tennis court if there are no senior members signed up to play but must leave the court once senior players arrive and have signed up to play. Juniors may also use a court if it is not being used for Open Tennis, however, the central net divider should be pulled across the court so tennis balls don't drift onto Open Tennis court.
- 7) Coaches may be asked to join in Open Tennis if numbers permit. Coaches have the right to refuse.
- 8) High quality used tennis balls will be offered to Open Tennis players. Three tennis balls per court. These should be returned to the Pro Shop after Open Tennis session.
- 9) Can all Open Tennis players be reminded to take away all their rubbish, drinks, grips, tennis ball lids, tubes & towels. The court needs to be left tidy for the next users.
- 10) Failure to comply with these simple rules could jeopardize your place on the sign-up sheet. The next available player may be asked to play instead of you.

*PLAYERS SHOULD CONTACT THE PRO SHOP IF THEY ARE UNSURE OF WHETHER OPEN TENNIS WILL TAKE PLACE DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS. A DECISION TO CANCEL WILL BE MADE 45 MINUTES BEFORE OPEN TENNIS START TIMES (2:15PM).*