

## **RULES & REGULATIONS**

### **1. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

- a) Senior Member: 18 years of age or over as of January 1st of the current B.V.T.C. tennis season.
- b) Intermediate Member: 16 or 17 years of age but not 18 years of age as of January 1st of the current B.V.T.C. tennis season.
- c) Junior Member: 4 years of age but under 16 years of age as of January 1st of the current B.V.T.C. tennis season.

### **2. DRESS CODE RULE**

- a) Proper tennis attire, including shoes must be worn on the courts at all times.
- b) Non-tennis related printing in bold print is not allowed.
- c) No shoes with sole protrusions (ribs), cleats or heels may be worn.
- d) Members are responsible for ensuring that their guests conform with these regulations.
- e) The managers represent the EXECUTIVE in the interpretation and enforcement of the rules.
- f) Complaints regarding interpretation of the rules must be directed in writing to the EXECUTIVE of the Bayview Village Tennis Club

### **3. MEMBER IDENTIFICATION**

Member identification will be issued to each member. Member identification must be presented to the attendant on duty. Members not displaying their membership identification may not book a court to play (except as a guest or during public hours). Should a member lose his/her membership identification, a replacement will be available for a fee. Requests for replacement membership identification must be made in writing to the Membership Director.

#### **4. HOURS OF PLAY**

- a) Public Hours:  
4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Saturdays  
4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Sundays
- b) Junior Priority Hours:
  - i. 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday
  - ii. 12:00 p.m. (noon) to 4.00 p.m. on Saturday
- c) Senior Priority Hours:
  - i. 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.
  - ii. 8.00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.(noon) Saturdays .
  - iii. 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.(noon). Sundays
- d) Equal Priority Hours:
  - i. 12:00 p.m. (noon) to 4.00 p.m. on Sundays
  - ii. All statutory holidays and all other times not listed above
- e) Prime Time Hours:
  - i. 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. weeknights.
  - i. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon) Saturdays and Sunday.
- f) Exceptions: At the discretion of the Executive, the priority hours listed above may be changed for special events.

#### **5. INTERMEDIATE PLAYING PRIVILEGES**

An intermediate member has the same booking priority and booking privileges as a senior member (i.e. does not have priority during junior priority hours) but will not be allowed to play in senior events such as house leagues, round robins & tournaments (Open Tournament excluded).

#### **6. COURT USAGE AND BOOKINGS**

- a) Manager: During the hours that the Clubhouse is open and the manager is present, all bookings will be made via use of the “Pegboard” system, overseen by the manager. During Public Court hours, the chalkboard outside the Clubhouse will be used for the booking of courts.
- b) Playing Period: Only forty-minute periods may be booked at a time. Courts 4, 5 and 6 will be booked for the time period beginning twenty minutes after the start of the period for courts 1, 2 and 3. Players currently on court may not reserve a court for the next immediate playing period. At the end of their current playing period, players may book a court for the next available playing time period.

- c) Booking Procedures: Each playing member is responsible for the placement of his/her tag (and of their guest(s) when applicable) on the Pegboard. Once a court is booked, players must remain on the premises to await their reserved time period.
- d) Rotation: The manager will normally book the courts on a rotational basis; that is, the first court booked will be court 1, then 2, etc. If court 3 is not booked at this time, the next playing period will commence with court 3 being booked first, then court 1, etc. Courts 4, 5 and 6 will be booked on the same rotational basis.
- e) Priorities: Players coming off a court may not remove by booking, players who commenced play at the same time that they did. For example, if court 1, 2 and 3 are booked at 4:00 and at 4:40 only court 1 and 2 are booked, players coming off courts 1 and 2 must wait for the next playing period. Players on court 3 may continue to play until 5:20.
- f) Court Changes: All players must leave the court immediately upon being replaced by players booked for the next playing period.
- g) Night Play: The lights will be turned off at 11:00 p.m. Therefore, the last booking will be 10:00 to 10:40 p.m. on courts 1, 2 and 3 and 10:20 to 11:00 p.m. on courts 4, 5 and 6.
- j) Guests: Members may introduce guests to Bayview Village Tennis Club, as long as these guests are not former members who have had their memberships suspended or terminated. A non-member may play as a guest a maximum of three times during the tennis season. All guests must sign the guest book and pay the daily fee to the manager prior to play. In the absence of the manager, sponsors of guests are to collect the fee and pass it to the manager at their earliest convenience, along with the guest's name. During court play, guests must be accompanied by their sponsoring member. Non-members may play without fee during public hours.
- k) Miscellaneous:
  - i. A player who has properly booked a court for a full playing period may take advantage of a vacant court or the invitation to join a match in progress prior to using his/her booked court provided that this additional time does not exceed twenty minutes. Otherwise, it will be regarded as a booking for that playing period and his/her booking for the full playing period shall be forfeited and available for booking by others.
  - ii. Juniors may not book courts in advance during senior priority times nor may seniors book in advance during junior priority times. Any court which is not booked five minutes after court change may be booked by

juniors or seniors. Seniors or intermediates may not invite a junior to play during senior priority hours unless there are no other seniors or intermediates waiting to play. Similarly, juniors may not invite seniors or intermediates to play during junior priority times unless there are no juniors waiting to play.

## **7. ETIQUETTE**

All members are requested to act in an acceptable manner at all times on Club premises. Members must refrain from making loud noises which may disturb other members or neighbouring residents. Players who do not comply will be asked to leave the premises and will be reported to the Executive for disciplinary action.

All complaints regarding misconduct must be submitted in writing to the Executive and signed by a member, teaching professional or manager.

## **8. COURTS AND COURT MAINTENANCE**

- a) It is the responsibility of each member to share in the upkeep and maintenance of the courts. It is essential that the playing surface be kept clean, dry and free from dust, dirt and other debris which could cause damage to the court surface. Accordingly, the manager or a member of the Executive may declare the surface unplayable until a specific situation is rectified. The nets will be lowered until the courts are playable. Members wishing to play must rectify the situation prior to using the court.
- b) When courts are wet, players arriving to play must first dry a court making it suitable for play. This rule will remain in force until all courts have been dried. Players will not be allowed to play on wet courts. Players who have dried a court and are playing on that court may not be replaced by other players if there are still courts which have not been dried.

## **9. PRACTICE COURTS**

- a) Empty courts may be used for individual practice and members must book these courts in the usual manner. If other players arrive prior to the end of the playing period, the practising player must invite the waiting player(s) to make up a game, or vacate the court. If the time remaining exceeds 20 minutes, those players who wish to join the practising player or wish to take over the court must book for that playing period. Any other bookings that they may already have will be cancelled. Such bookings may not be made during prime times.

- b) The enclosed practice court is for members and guests only and must be booked in the usual manner. Practice time is limited to 15 minutes.

**10. BALL MACHINE**

The ball machine may be available at a rental fee for forty minutes by arrangement with the manager when courts are available. There will be free use of the ball machine for junior clinics under the Supervision of the Club Pro or his assistant. The Club Pro or his assistant may use the ball machine for private, semi-private and group lessons at no charge.

**11. TOURNAMENT AND LEAGUE PLAY**

Occasional tournaments or scheduled league play may necessitate the use of five courts.

**12. CLUBHOUSE**

- a) Helping maintain a clean, orderly Clubhouse is the responsibility of each member. Accordingly, litter should be disposed of and furniture arranged in the customary manner.
- b) Any group using the kitchen facilities or equipment is responsible for cleaning up afterwards.
- c) When visiting teams are being entertained in the Clubhouse, as a gesture of courtesy, other groups should socialize outside.
- d) Neither active play, including ball play, nor excessive noise is permitted in the Clubhouse.
- e) Players should remove all belongings from the Clubhouse by 10:45 p.m. as the Clubhouse will be locked overnight.