
POLICY AND PROCEDURES

TITLE: TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS

DATE UPDATED AND BOARD APPROVED: FEBRUARY 1, 2022

1. Tennis and pickleball courts are for the exclusive use of Sea Colony Homeowners, guests of homeowners, “members,” and renters of Sea Colony. A valid Sea Colony Homeowner’s ID, guest badge, or “membership” badge is required.
2. Any person misusing courts, disturbing play or improperly attired may be asked to leave Sea Colony courts by the racquet sports staff or security.
3. All homeowner’s guests must be accompanied by the homeowner to use the facility.
4. A grace period of ten minutes is given for reserved courts. After ten minutes, the reservation is lost. The court may be claimed on a first come, first serve basis after ten minutes to proper Sea Colony homeowner or renter.
5. The pro-shop “official clock” will be used to regulate playing time.
6. Courts 1-6 are indoor courts. Appropriate teaching courts (i.e., courts 3-5) will be blocked off as agreed upon by the Racquet Sports Committee. Court reservations will be available 8 am – 9 pm on remaining courts.
7. Courts 7-12 are outdoor teaching courts. These courts are not allowed to be reserved, but may be played on by Sea Colony Homeowners, Renters and Members when not being used by the Sea Colony teaching staff. The courts must be relinquished for teaching when necessary.
8. Courts 7 and 8 are lined for pickleball.
9. Courts 13 and 14 are hard courts located on Woodland Court. They are open at 8 am through dusk for tennis reservations.
10. Courts 15 and 16 are also lined for pickleball and are open for pickleball reservations and programming. The same rules apply as for tennis court reservations.
11. Courts 17-30 are har-tru courts. They open at 8 am and close at dusk except those with lighting (courts 19 and 20) which close at 9 pm. In addition, approximately half the courts close from 1-3 pm for watering and maintenance.

12. Courts 31-34 are hard courts located on the Oceanside. They are open from 8 am-9 pm for reservations. Courts 31 and 32 are also lined for pickleball and may also be reserved.
13. Any court may be used for USTA Adult and Junior tournaments or other scheduled tournaments at the discretion of the Director of Racquet Sports with the consent of the Racquet Sports committee.
14. The Racquet Sports staff may close any court necessary due to inclement weather or unsafe playing conditions.
15. Homeowners, members and renters may use their court reservations to take private lessons.
16. Proper tennis attire is required. Tennis shoes or non-marking soled shoes; no running shoes. No bathing suits or jeans allowed. Shirts must be worn at all times. No pets allowed on the courts or in the pro-shop. No skateboards, skates, rollerblades, etc. are allowed on any tennis or pickleball courts.
17. On court teaching, coaching, clinics or other related activities on the Sea Colony tennis and pickleball courts is prohibited unless the activity is sanctioned as part of the Sea Colony teaching program or approved Sea Colony event or otherwise approved by the Director of Racquet Sports or his/her designee. The definition of on court teaching, coaching, clinics or related activities shall be at the sole discretion of the Director of Racquet Sports or Assistant Director of Racquet Sports.
18. Unless sanctioned as part of the Sea Colony teaching program or approved Sea Colony event, all court usage is limited to a maximum of 4 people on the court.
19. A homeowner, renter or winter member may bring their own basket of balls. However, there can only be a maximum of two people on the side of the net receiving feeds by a single feeder. Homeowners can't borrow balls anymore.

Use of Tennis Program Equipment by Homeowners

Borrowing Sea Colony tennis equipment is limited to homeowners. Each use by a homeowner must be approved by the Director of Racquet Sports or his/her designee. All equipment must be returned to its original location after each use, and in the same condition in which it was received.

Homeowner Court Reservations

Homeowners may reserve courts up to 2 ½ days in advance by calling the Homeowner reservations phone number starting at 12:30 pm. The call schedule is as follows:

- Monday for Thursday
- Tuesday for Friday
- Wednesday for Saturday
- Thursday for Sunday
- Friday for Monday
- Saturday for Tuesday
- Sunday for Wednesday

A Homeowner may reserve 2 courts for 2 hours with 4 homeowner units. Additional court time needed will have to be made by an additional Homeowner.

Homeowners may not call on the Pro-Shop main number to reserve court time. If a Homeowner does not have the Homeowner Reservations phone number, they can obtain it in person at the Pro-Shop by showing their Homeowner's badge.

Homeowners may reserve courts three different ways: 1) utilize the online reservation system (Court Reserve), 2) come in person to the pro-shop with their homeowner badges to reserve court time, or 3) call the homeowner reservation line. Court time will be given on a first come/first serve basis by rotating between the homeowner in the pro-shop and the homeowner calling on the homeowner reservation phone number. Please note that individuals may not stand in line until 12 pm and must be present at all times.

Renter Court Reservations

Sea Colony renters are permitted to reserve one court per unit, per day. Renters must come in person with their appropriate Guest Badge (i.e., proper week Guest Badge) to the pro-shop to reserve court time. Reservations will be taken while the pro-shop is open, 8:00 am-6 pm. Reservations are for 1 hour outside and 90 minutes inside.

Summer and Winter Tennis Memberships

Memberships to play tennis are required on a year-round basis (summer, winter or both), for non-Sea Colony owners who are local domiciled residents (**which means: lives year round or seasonally, or rents seasonally, or owns a residence in Sussex County, Worcester County or Wicomico County**) to play tennis at Sea Colony. Owner provided guest passes

may not be used. Memberships are offered each season at a price determined by the Racquet Sports Committee. The Summer Membership starts May 1st and continues through September 30th. The Winter Membership season begins the Monday after Labor Day and continues until April 30th.

1. Summer Membership 2021 prices are \$200 per season for Individual and \$300 per season for Family. The Winter Membership Pricing for 2021-2022 is \$250 per season for Individual and \$400 per season for Family.
2. In addition to the membership fee, each member shall pay \$10 per play outside, \$15 per play inside, or be on the “all you can play plan.” Either plan requires pro shop check in for each play and if applicable must be paid before going out to the court. Juniors shall pay \$10 per play year round and no membership is required.
3. Locals may pay \$20 per play, up to 4 times before paying the Winter membership fee or \$15 up to 4 times before paying the Summer membership fee. The fee will be credited to the membership fee.
4. For the avid “Winter” player, a \$1150 “all you can play” option is available per member. The \$250 individual or \$400 family membership fee is required in addition to the all you can play option.
5. For the avid “Summer” player, a \$700 “all you can play” option is available per member. The \$200 individual or \$300 family membership fee is required in addition to the all you can play option.
6. The cost of each per play indoors is \$15, and \$10 per play outdoors.

Memberships will not be prorated or transferable under any circumstances.

Members will be provided a unique identifying badge, which must be presented when requested.

Winter Block Times

Indoor Winter Block time begins October 1st and ends April 30th, the day after Columbus Day and continues through the 3rd week in April.

Block time is not available during the following holidays:

- Thanksgiving – starting the Wednesday before, continuing through the Sunday after.

- Christmas/New Years – starting 2 days before Christmas and continuing through New Year’s Day.
- Easter/Spring Break – begins the Monday before Easter and continues through Easter.

Additional Outdoor Blocked Dates:

- Sea Colony Tennis and Pickleball Classic Open in mid-September
- Other dates (i.e., USTA Tournaments, socials, etc) as Racquet Sports Committee deem necessary.

Winter Block Time and Winter Membership Rules

1. Block times are grandfathered in year-to-year.
2. Block times are 1 ½ hours long.
3. 2 Individual Members are needed for 1 block time spot.
4. 1 Family Membership is needed for 1 block time spot.
5. 1 Homeowner unit is needed for 1 block time spot.
6. Open block times will be given on a first come, first serve basis to eligible members and homeowners.
7. Court 1 is the Winter Member Block Court.
8. Court 2 is a Homeowner and Winter Member block time court.
9. Court 6 is a Sea Colony Homeowner Block Courts.
10. Courts 4 & 5 are open for Sea Colony Homeowner, Winter member, and renter reservations.
11. Court 3 is the pro’s teaching court. Need court 4 for teaching in morning (9:30-12:30)- HOs use it Mondays and Fridays.
12. Winter Members may play on outside courts if open during the Winter schedule.
13. Winter members may play with Sea Colony Homeowners, Sea Colony Renters, other winter members, or registered guests.
14. Any discrepancies will be resolved by the Director of Racquet Sports.

15. Winter members can also play anytime outside of their block, including holiday periods and weekends.

Summer Membership Rules

1. There are no summer block times.
2. Summer members may make an outdoor court reservation anytime Monday through Thursday excluding holidays. Summer members may only make outdoor court reservations after 11 am Friday through Sunday, excluding courts 19 and 20 (after dark). Reservations may be made no sooner than 24 hours in advance of the requested time.
3. Summer Members may play indoors if available and reserved by a homeowner and the homeowner is on the court. Or after 11 am on a space available walk-on basis and does not interfere with any indoor programming or homeowner play. In other words, summer members may NOT make indoor court reservations.
4. Members must check in at the front desk for each play and pay the per play fee of \$10, or if walking on indoors, the \$15 per play fee.

Additional Winter and Summer Tennis Rules

1. All non-Sea Colony owners, who are local domiciled residents (**which means: lives year round or seasonally, or rents seasonally, or owns a residence in Sussex County, Worcester County or Wicomico County**) who play at any time in any season are subject to a \$20 guest fee indoors and \$15 outdoors. Local domiciled residents are limited to 4 visits in a season, after which they must become a member (with guest fees credited to membership fee) for the season or may not play in Sea Colony. Homeowner guest badges are not valid on block time courts. Homeowners and their guests who are not tri county local residents as defined above (with homeowner guest badges) may play at no charge on normal reserved indoor or outdoor homeowner courts using that process.

2. Rules may be amended or changed at any time.

USTA and Interclub Matches

There is a charge for USTA and/or Interclub matches. Non-homeowners who play USTA or interclub matches must pay \$15 indoors or \$10 outdoors.

Pickleball

A \$10 per play fee applies for Open Play. All participants must check in at the pro-shop and pay their per play fee prior to going to the court. There are no indoor pickleball reservations.

Infractions

1. Any locally domiciled guest person who does not pay the guest fee, or does not pay the seasonal membership fee will be asked to leave the courts.
2. Any seasonal member who does not pay the per play fee, may have their membership revoked without refund.
3. Any seasonal member who violates any other tennis rule is subject to membership revocation, at the discretion of the Racquet Sports.
4. Any homeowner who assists a guest or seasonal member to violate these rules, including guest fees, seasonal membership and per play fees, shall be subject to the SCRA Rules Violations and Penalties process.
5. All individuals (Homeowners and Winter Members), who do not cancel their court time (reservation and block time) 24 hours in advance, will initiate a three-tiered penalty process.
 - a) The first offense will result in the individual receiving a verbal and written warning (via email).
 - b) The second offense will result in a \$50 fine. Payable at the tennis desk before additional reservations or play.
 - c) The third offense will result in the revocation of tennis reservation and playing privileges for one month.