

FAIRLINGTON ARBOR TENNIS RULES

APPLICABILITY

All residents of Fairlington Arbor are eligible to use the tennis courts subject to these rules. While a court is in use, one of the players must display his/her Fairlington Arbor identification card using the clip at the end of the court on the fence.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PLAY

1. Procedures for Play

- a. Time of play begins upon entry onto the court
- b. The appropriate clock, located on the fence, must be set with the time of entry onto the court. This must be done whether or not others are waiting to play. The players ID card must then be transferred from the waiting queue holder to the clip under the court clock.
- c. A player must leave the court immediately when time has expired if persons are waiting to play.
- d. Players are not required to stop play if another court is free. However, time restrictions continue to apply. If courts fill and persons are awaiting play, courts must be yielded by those players whose time has expired.

2. Time Limits

- a. Singles play lasts one hour
- b. Doubles play lasts one hour and thirty minutes.

3. Order of Play

Use of the courts is on a first come first served basis. The order of play is determined by the position of identification cards in the holder located on the fence. A resident must place his/her card in the holder to establish a position in the queue. The front of the card queue is at the right of the holder.

- a. Only one card per person may be placed in the holder.
- b. Once removed for court use, position is lost and card must be placed at the rear.
- c. The card must be placed in the holder by its owner who must be dressed for play at the time.
- d. A player must be available to claim a court when his/her card advances to the front of the holder. If a player is not present when his/her turn comes, his/her card will be removed from the holder.
- e. A player may personally pass his turn for any reason and retain his priority. The next player in line must then accept the court or pass.
- f. A player may not hold a position in the card queue while he is using a court.

RESTRICTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS

- a. Guests must play with a resident.
- b. During summer vacation, persons under 14 years of age will yield to adults after 4:00 pm weekdays, and all day on weekends and holidays.
- c. Two players take precedence over a single individual when all courts are in use.
- d. All persons must wear rubber soled shoes on the courts.
- e. For the protection and preservation of the courts, bicycling, roller skating, skateboarding or any games other than tennis will not be allowed on the courts.

- f. No pets allowed on courts
- g. There should be no hanging or sitting on the nets.
- h. Upon completion of play, please take all items that you brought
--including tennis ball cans and discarded can caps, etc.

TENNIS ETIQUETTE

- a. In consideration of other players, no loud, profane or boisterous language while playing
- b. Release the net upon completion of play if no one is waiting to play.
(This is accomplished by lowering the net crank at the end of the net.)

VIOLATORS

As a Fairlington Arbor resident, if you see someone violating the tennis rules, please help us in ensuring that our courts are properly utilized, by bringing to the attention of the violator the proper procedures.