

## Cranford Clay Courts Club Rules and Regulations

May 1, 2022

All Members and Guests are expected and obligated to observe the following rules and regulations. Violation of, or failure by a Member or a signed-in Guest, to comply with any rule or regulation may result in suspension, probation, revocation or non-renewal of Membership privileges, such decision to be at the sole discretion of the Board of Trustees. New Members are subject to a one-year probationary period.

### 1. Principles

Certain basic principles govern all members in our obligation to act in the best interests of our Club. All Members and Guests must be appropriate in any comments or conversations with, and to, or in the presence of our fellow Club Members and Guests. As Club Members and Guests, all have an obligation against making, permitting or countenancing any racial, ethnic, religious, sexist or other comments, which could be considered inappropriate or derogatory.

### 2. Courts

The Grounds Committee, or an available Trustee, shall decide when the courts are or are not playable. All courts are closed for play if the "Courts Closed" sign is placed on the corner fence near Springfield Avenue. Two courts must be playable to open. A smaller "Court Closed" sign placed on one court indicates that said court is not playable.

### 3. Court Attire

All players shall wear appropriate, clean tennis attire. Tennis shirts, shorts or skirts must be worn at all times (Men: no tank-tops or cut-off jeans/shorts; Women: no bare midriffs). Only approved flat, rubber-soled **tennis sneakers**, which will not damage the court surface, may be worn on the courts. No "cross-trainers" or other footwear which will damage the court surface will be permitted, especially those with deep grooved soles.

### 4. Court Etiquette

- **All Members must adhere to current Covid 19 guidelines issued by any governing federal, state or municipal authority. Failure to comply will subject the Member to sanctions, including but not limited to suspension or termination of Membership.**
- All courts must be signed in for at the start of play, including rotational group play. Failure to sign in at the start of play subjects the non-signers to immediately surrender the court to a waiting duo or doubles group.
- "First come first served" will govern priority of play; however, two players are needed to take a court.
- Maximum continuous court time, when other Members are waiting for courts, is 90 minutes for a group of 4 or more players, and 60 minutes for singles, regardless of when additional players join the group.
- After relinquishing a court, players must wait a minimum of 30 minutes before having priority to a court that becomes available. Thus, if new players (not having played previously that day) arrive within the 30-minute waiting period, the new players have priority for the first available court.

- Once players join a rotating court they are part of that group and must adhere to the original sign-in time; they may not take priority ahead of other players who are waiting for a court.
- Good sportsmanship & good manners shall govern all play and activity at the Club.
- As a neighborhood-friendly facility, any foul, loud, disruptive language or other breach of the peace will not be tolerated.
- Players must sweep their court and lines immediately after play unless requested not to do so by the waiting players.
- Disturbing others with ongoing conversation, loud talking, improper language or boisterous conduct is not permitted.
- Use of cell phones is discouraged. Use cell phones with discretion and cease all phone use if requested by a member.
- All Members must adhere to current Covid-19 requirements, including social distancing,

## 5. Privileges & Responsibilities of Members

Any Member whose behavior is contrary/detrimental to the best interests of the Club or jeopardizes the reputation of the Club or any Trustee, or fails to comply with these Rules & Regulations, is subject to punishment at the sole discretion of the Board of Trustees. Any action or punishment by the Board, including, but not limited to, suspension, probation, termination, or non-renewal of Membership, shall be governed by a two-thirds vote of the Trustees. Any Member found in violation by the Board shall no longer be permitted inside the Club facility, not even as a guest of another Member. Unless specifically approved in writing by the Board of Trustees, no Member shall represent him/herself as a representative of the Club to any other Member or outside person or organization.

- Members must follow any Trustee decisions concerning court conditions/availability for play, including, but not limited to, the suitability of court conditions, court closings for maintenance, priority of court use for lessons, tournaments, or Team Tennis matches.
- Adult Preferred Times are between 8:00AM and 12:00 Noon daily and after 6:00PM weekday evenings. Junior Members and children shall be permitted court privileges during Adult Preferred Time provided they are not depriving court access to Adult Members. Children less than eight years of age must always be supervised by or play with an Adult.

## 6. Guests

- Each Adult Member is allowed a total of three free Guest visits per season.
- Each Adult Member shall register his/her own name, the name of the Guest, and the date in the Guest book **before** starting play, regardless of whether it is a free or a paid Guest visit. No Guest shall be permitted to play on the Club's courts more than three times in a season, even if invited by different Club Members. Members will be billed \$10.00 per guest visit after the Member's third Guest visit of the season. Failure to register any Guest before starting play shall be considered a violation of the Rules & Regulations and is subject to a minimum \$25.00 additional fine for the first offense and higher for any subsequent offense. Any failure to comply with Guest registration procedures shall subject a Member to suspension, probation or revocation of Membership. Junior Members are not permitted to invite Guests. Guests are not encouraged during the following peak times: Tuesday & Thursday 6:00-9:00pm, Weekday and Weekend mornings 9:00am-12 noon.

7. Sprinklers are activated by an automatic timer at approximately 3:00pm and 10:00pm, and will remain on for about one-half hour, alternating court coverage. No playing is permitted between 3:00-3:30pm so the courts can absorb the water.

8. Courts must be swept clean and lights must be turned off by 10:00pm. Lights are not to be used on Sunday.

9. Please remember to lock the gate by closing it tightly when leaving the courts. Under no circumstances should the lock combination be given to non-members. The courts are for the exclusive use of Club Members and their signed-in Guests.

10. New Members are required to attend one informational meeting at the Courts. New Members should contact Mary Goodfellow to schedule their meeting. Failure to attend may result in revocation of Membership.

Any comments or complaints about any Club matter must be submitted in writing to the Club and signed by the Club Member. E-mails (through Club Website or addressed to [Cranfordtennis@yahoo.com](mailto:Cranfordtennis@yahoo.com)) are an acceptable form of written communication, so long as the sender properly identifies him (her) self and includes a valid response address and telephone number.

**TRUSTEES:**

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