



TENNIS ETIQUETTE AND RULES

In the interest of creating an enjoyable environment for playing and watching tennis, these policies of **ETIQUETTE** and **RULES**, have been established for our member's enjoyment.

COURT RESERVE ON-LINE RESERVATIONS SYSTEM

- **Important** – We strongly recommend you always reserve your court in advance no matter what time of day you play.
- **Always check in with the Pro Shop** during normal operating hours (see website for up-to-date hours). After hours, you may view the Court Schedule System on the Lobby View Monitor located in the clubhouse. This is to confirm the court number assigned to you and to make sure that you have not been moved to another court.
- **Requests made for a specific court will be honored** when possible. However, weather and maintenance needs of the courts make it necessary to occasionally move people to other courts.
- **Court Times - Courts are available for 1 ½ hour time periods.** Playing prior to your time slot is not permitted unless cleared by the Pro Shop and your group's names are on the reservation sheet.
- **For any reserved court, a 10-minute grace period exists.** Players (minimum 2) must claim their court within 10 minutes of the time scheduled; otherwise, they forfeit their reservation and must relinquish the court if other players are waiting to play.
- Always cancel your court reservation through the Court Schedule System if for any reason you need to cancel your reservation(s) freeing up that court for your fellow member.

ETIQUETTE

Since members' "on-court" actions affect one another, cooperation on the courts is important to the membership at CHTC.

First and foremost, tennis etiquette is anchored in the ideal of **no distractions** for the players.

- Please refrain from **loud talking**, profanity and unsportsmanlike conduct when on or in the vicinity of the tennis courts. Your cooperation in this is essential to the smooth operation of the Club environment. Egregious breaches of etiquette may result in a temporary suspension of Club privileges.
- **Minimize movement** behind tennis courts that are in play. The walkways are not to be used as exercise paths as this could be a distraction to players.
- **Use the gate** nearest your court to enter.
- **Always wait until players** are in between points before proceeding to your court.
- **Return other players' tennis balls** in a timely fashion and only between points.
- **Players should** relinquish their court when their time has expired.



RULES

- **Attire:** Only tennis shoes are permitted on the courts. Street shoes, basketball shoes, running shoes and cross-trainers are not permitted. Players are asked to wear suitable tennis clothing. Shirts must always be worn.
- **Persons not playing tennis** are not permitted on the courts. This rule applies to children as well as adults.
- **Club Guest Policy:** (these rules also apply to members' children) – Always register your club guests in the Pro Shop or on the clipboard on the Clubhouse podium after hours. In-town guests living within a 25-mile radius of Chapel Hill may use the Club a maximum of twice per month. The guest must always be accompanied by a Club member. Guest fee is \$10. Out-of-town guests, staying in your home, may use the Club at no charge during their stay; however, they must still be signed in.
- **Wet courts:** A wet court, soft or hard, is a dangerous surface. If a court appears to be wet, do not use the court. Check with the Pro Shop for court availability.
- **To determine court conditions,** call the Pro Shop after 7:30 am.
- **Court Reservation System:** Members may reserve a court for the following day by telephoning the Pro Shop after 7:30 am. You may only book one court at a time. A court may be reserved for the current day any time after the Pro Shop opens. Doubles: All 4 players' names must be entered. Courts are available for 1 ½ hour time periods.
- **For any reserved court,** a 10-minute grace period exists. Players (minimum 2) must claim their court within 10 minutes of the time scheduled; otherwise, they forfeit their reservation and must relinquish the court if other players are waiting to play.
- **Call the Club to cancel** your court reservation any time your plans change and you won't be using a court that you had reserved.
- **Challenge Court Procedures:** Challenge courts are meant for doubles play. One set of doubles is to be played, with a tiebreaker at six-all. The winners keep the court and must accept the challenge of the next team waiting. Weekends and Holidays: 1-7 pm NRTP 2.0 and above welcome.

Indoor Courts

- **Hours** are 6:30 am to 10:00 pm seasonally. Court time is 1 ½ hours.
- **Reservations** are accepted up to one week in advance of play or as a "walk-on" without reservation simply by registering at the Pro Shop. Check-in at the Pro Shop is required before play.
- **Cancellation Policy:** There is no charge for cancellation 24 hours prior to play.
- **All fees** must be paid prior to play at the Pro Shop.
- **Names of all players** must be given. When reserving an indoor court and "checking in", give the names of players who are to be charged for the court.
- **Only tennis shoes** are permitted on the courts. No cross-trainers, running shoes, black-soled shoes, or street shoes are allowed.
- **Racquet abuse and food or beverages** will damage the court surface. Food and beverages (other than water) are not allowed on the courts.