

Weddington Swim and Racquet Club

Court Usage and Etiquette Policy

All members and visiting guests are expected to understand and abide by the court usage and etiquette policy listed here. It is the members' responsibility to enforce proper behavior from visitors and guests.

WSRC courts are utilized for two types of play:

1. **Social Play**- friendly play where outcome of match is not recorded (ex- friendly foursome, group lesson, round robins, etc.)
2. **Competitive Play**- when scores are reported to a governing body (ex- usta, QC, Summer Studs, Club Championships, etc.)

Responsibility of Players

Responsibility of “on court” players:

- Players using a Weddington Swim and Racquet Club court are expected to display acceptable court behavior. The USTA document “Friend at Court” provides a detailed review of both tennis rules of play and court etiquette. [https://www.usta.com/content/dam/usta/2021-pdfs/2021%20Friend%20at%20Court%20\(FAC\).pdf](https://www.usta.com/content/dam/usta/2021-pdfs/2021%20Friend%20at%20Court%20(FAC).pdf)
- Players should be mindful and respectful of the next reservation. Warm up in a timely manner and keep play moving along to ensure an on-time conclusion.
- If court is being utilized for social play and the next group arrives for their scheduled time, the on court group should vacate. It is acceptable to request to complete the current game.
- If the court is being utilized for competitive play, players are entitled to complete their match.
- If the league offers a third set tiebreak option in lieu of a full third set, players should opt for the tiebreak if there is less than 35 minutes remaining in their scheduled court time.

- At the completion of play, players should offer to sweep and line the court and vacate in an expeditious manner.

Responsibility of “next up” players:

- If court is occupied at time of reservation wait for play to conclude prior to entering court area.
- Determine if those on court are engaged in social or competitive play. Between games or when there is an extended pause in play inquire about play status (nature of play and score).
- If players are engaged in social play, the next up group is entitled to take the court at the scheduled time but should make a concession for the current game to be completed.
- If the players are engaged in competitive play, the next up group should wait patiently until the match has concluded. Be mindful of your location and volume as to not distract the on court players.
- Be sure all players are present prior to entering court.

Responsibility of Spectators

- Be aware of noise and keep volume at a minimum when at the gazebo/pavilion.
- Spectators should not engage with on court players during match play.
- Wait for a break in play to walk beside or behind an occupied court.

Court Reservations

- Prime-time hours from March-October
Mon-Fri= 9am-noon & 6-8pm
Sat= 8am-noon
- Prime-time hours from November-February
Mon-Fri= 9am-noon & 6-8pm
Sat= 10am-2pm
- Members may reserve a court up to one week in advance via the court reservation system (Court Reserve).
- Members are limited to reserve two courts per person on a given day and four courts per family at a time.
- If plans change and you will not be utilizing the court, cancel the reservation asap.
- If you have not taken the court within the first 10 minutes of the scheduled time, your reservation will be forfeited and others may assume the court.
- Members may use an unreserved court by simply walking on to it. It is a good idea to make a reservation via Court Reserve to secure the court for the desired time.
- If the court is reserved after your scheduled time, please sweep and exit court at the conclusion of your reservation.
- Court reservations for league play are typically made by the office for the entirety of the season prior to the league start date.
- External league play (USTA, QC, IC) takes precedence for court reservations.
- Advance court reservations may be available for: (a) regular play outside of “prime-time” hours; (b) limited pre-season practices for Ladies’ Interclub and Weekday QC teams. Requests for “pre-reservations” must be submitted to the office. There is no guarantee that requests will be

granted as many factors (e.g. court availability, group inclusiveness, etc.) are taken into consideration.

Weather and Other Delays

- When courts must be closed due to weather, the closure will be posted on the WSRC website and Court Reserve as soon as possible. The office staff will try to update the website regarding court status as changes occur.
- When play is delayed due to weather or other off-court issues (i.e.- lighting or court maintenance issue) the schedule for one or more of the courts may need to be adjusted.
- Delays COULD impact the daily court reservation schedule and match start times.
- When possible, delays will be posted on the club website but should also be communicated verbally as players arrive.
- On court players should be especially diligent in moving the match along.
- Next up players should be respectful of the delay.
- WSRC may elect to CANCEL reservations in order to maintain schedule integrity for the upcoming matches.

Tennis Guest Policy

- Members are allowed to invite non-members for social play.
- Non-members are allowed to play at WSRC one time per month.
- There is a \$5 guest fee for non-members each time they play at WSRC.
- Members are responsible for payment of guest fees.
- During designated prime time hours the number of guests per court is limited to 50% of players.

Miscellaneous

- Be considerate of fellow members when playing music on the court. Music must be turned down or off if requested by another player.
 - Dogs should be kept on leash and should be controlled by owner at all times.
 - Report court maintenance issues to the WSRC office asap.
- * **If any conflicts arise that relate to this policy, please contact the WSRC office.*

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