



SCTTA Tennis Club Guidelines for Transitional Operation

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The CA Board has approved the following modifications and guidelines for a transitional period which will remain in effect until further notice. Refer to the Sun City Texas **Tennis Court Usage Rules and Regulations** for more information.

General Guidelines

- All players must agree to NOT play if they have any symptoms or exposure risks as listed by the CDC Guidelines.
- All players must agree to practice social distancing at all times by standing at least 6 feet apart.
- All players must agree to NOT congregate around the courts or at the tennis gazebo at any time.
- Players that do not adhere to these guidelines and modifications may lose their court privileges for the remainder of the transitional period. The Tennis Board will be monitoring activities.

Suspended Activities

- Tennis Club-Owned Ball Machine Usage

Format Modifications

- All players may show up no more than 10 minutes before their scheduled play time.
- Players will go directly to and remain on their designated court during play.
- During peak court times, intermixing of players will be allowed ON ADJACENT COURTS ONLY. Example. Allowed: intermixing players between court 1 and court 2. Not Allowed: intermixing players between court 1 and court 4. During non-peak court times, intermixing is allowed with no restrictions.
- Do not use clipboards or pencils on the court.
- No more than four players on the court. **Exceptions:** Open Tennis may have two additional inactive players seated on court (6ft. apart) waiting to be rotated into active play. For lessons and drills, five people, including the instructor, are allowed on the court.
- Play with a new, unopen can of balls.
- No physical contact on the court. Maintain social distancing at all times: at least 6 ft. apart.
- When a stray ball from another court bounces or rolls on your court, return the ball by kicking or rolling it back at the opening between courts. If possible, avoid using your hands to pick up balls.
- Spectators should maintain proper social distancing.
- Wash hands or use hand sanitizer before and after the match.
- All players will leave the tennis facility within 10 minutes of play completion.
- Wipe down the gate latch with hand sanitizer when you exit the court.
- Discard tennis balls - do not reuse them. You may also quarantine your used balls for several weeks to be used at a later date. You must always start play with a new can of balls.
- Personal ball machines are allowed during non-peak times on designated practice courts.

Pre-Scheduled Courts

Pre-scheduled courts are reserved for recurring activities (same day and time). This includes Club Leagues, Open Tennis, USTA Leagues, and Member-Coordinated Group Play.

- **The same guidelines and modifications for play listed above are to be observed.**
- Club League coordinators and organizers must provide court assignments to players in advance.
- Club League Coordinators will be allowed to remain at the facility until all matches are completed.

USTA League Matches

The host facility provides three courts for doubles play (six visiting players). To ensure the safety of Sun City Club Members and visitors, the Tennis Club will require the following actions from team captains:

- Sun City team captains must provide the visiting team captains the Sun City Guidelines for Transitional Operation prior to the match. Visiting team captains will be asked to share these guidelines with their players.
- Sun City team captains will provide court assignments to Sun City players and the visiting captain.
- All players will be instructed to go directly to their assigned courts.
- At the conclusion of each match, players can leave the facility or remain on their court until all matches have concluded.
- Sun City team captains agree to adhere to these rules. Not adhering to these rules could mean losing USTA court privileges for the remainder of the season.

Open Tennis

The Open Tennis program provides an opportunity for any resident to play tennis on reserved courts. Coordinators (Tennis Club Members) are onsite to register players, assign courts, and direct play.

- Courts are reserved for Open Tennis on Monday and Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:30 PM.
- **Open Tennis Coordinators:** Dave Young, Donna Schaver, and Andrew Purdes
- Play will be limited to current residents and Tennis Club Members only (**no visitors**).
- Players attending Open Tennis must agree to follow the general guidelines and format modifications described in this document.
- Before entering the court, players must register by providing their name and contact information to one of the Open Tennis Coordinators.
- Each player is required to bring a new can of balls to the courts. One player from each court will be asked to volunteer to open their can for use only on that court. The owner of the balls will take them home at the end of play.
- Each court will be limited to four active players on the court and two inactive players sitting at least 6 ft apart while waiting for their turn in the rotation.
- The other reserved courts will be filled in like manner as additional players arrive,
- Intermixing between adjacent courts is allowed as players exit the facility.

Tennis Court Usage Overview

Who May Use the Courts

The Sun City tennis courts are available for use by all Sun City residents in good standing and their qualified guests.

- Tennis Club Members have priority access to the tennis courts, including scheduling reservations **two days in advance**.
- Resident non-club members may schedule a court reservation **on the day of play**.
- Reservations are scheduled in the Online Court Reservations (OCR) System.
- Resident non-club members will need to contact a Tennis Club OCR System Administrator to register in the system before scheduling a court reservation.
- Qualified guests may use the tennis courts. Please refer to the **Tennis Court Usage Rules and Regulations** for resident non-club member and non-resident guest policies.
- It is the responsibility of all residents to explain the **Tennis Court Usage Rules and Regulations** to their guests.

- **The Tennis Court Usage Rules and Regulations** are posted on the Tennis Club Website and at the Tennis Information Center Bulletin Board located between courts 3&4.

Scheduling a Court Reservation

- **Peak court start times and time slots.** Everyone is REQUIRED to schedule a court reservation during peak court times and within the time slots listed below:
 - **Every day at 7:30 am – 9:30 am**
 - **Every day at 10 am - noon**
 - **Every day at 6 pm – 8 pm**

NOTE: Reservations scheduled that do not fit within these established time slots will be canceled by the OCR System Administrator. **Exceptions:** some pre-scheduled courts approved by the Tennis Board.

- **30 minute court vacancy.** During this transitional period, there is a 30 min gap from 9:30 – 10:00 am to allow plenty of time for players to exit and enter the courts.
- **Advance reservations.** Tennis Club members may reserve a court two days in advance **starting at 7 am each day.** Resident nonmembers may reserve a court on the day of play **starting at 7 am each day.**
- **Non-peak court times.** Scheduling a court reservation for non-peak times is optional, **BUT** we **STRONGLY** encourage everyone to schedule a court reservation because it's easy to do, you can select your desired court, and the club will have more complete information about court usage.
- **Reserving multiple courts.** Only **ONE** court can be scheduled each day per registered OCR System user.
- **Court duration time.** Courts may be scheduled for up to two hours. For peak court times, you may schedule less than two hours as long as you stay within the established two hour time slots listed above. **Exceptions:** some scheduled court activity may exceed two hours if approved by the Tennis Board.
- **Securing a reserved court.** During peak times, a court is secured for the duration of the reservation. (Example: court is reserved from 7:30 am – 9:30 am, but the group wants to start play at 8:00 am). **No "walk on" players are allowed during peak times.**
- **Cancellations:** If you schedule a court reservation and it's no longer needed, we ask that you cancel it as soon as possible so others may reserve and use the court.

OCR System Administration

If you need assistance or if you need to register in the OCR system, contact OCR Administrator John Stommel 210-863-5409 or Kim Harris 512-963-2280.