

Millbrae Racquet Club

House & Court Rules

The Board of Directors prefers not to establish elaborate rules or a special system to govern the use of the tennis courts. Toward this end, it is expected that all members using the facilities of the Club will extend courteous consideration to others and carefully observe the rules outlined below. The Board of Directors will supervise the proper use of the tennis courts and rule on all situations concerning the application of these rules; all such rulings are final.

GENERAL RULES:

- a. The last person leaving the Club is responsible for ensuring that the main entry doors, Clubhouse, and tennis courts back gates are locked. The heaters, lights, fans, television and all appliances in the Clubhouse must be off.
- b. The hours of operation are between 8:00 a.m. and sundown.
- c. No parking is permitted on Santa Paula Avenue.
- d. No smoking is permitted on the tennis courts or in the Clubhouse.
- e. No food, drinks (other than water), glass containers, or gum is allowed on the tennis courts.
- f. Unsupervised children under the age of 12 are not allowed on the courts or to be left unattended in the Clubhouse.
- g. No pets are allowed at the Club.
- h. All members are required to clean up after themselves and their guests.
- i. When entering the courts (other than court 1), the back gates should be used.

USE OF THE TENNIS COURTS:

- a. Members and guests using the Club facilities do so at their own risk.
- b. Reservations are required. Reservations on our online reservation system Skedda may be made one week in advance. All players are to be listed in the reservation in the "booking title" section.
- c. Members are asked to limit play to one morning session per day with the same group. Currently (2021) sessions are Morning: 8:30 – 10:30am, 10:30am – 12:00pm, Afternoon: 12:00 – 1:30pm, 1:30 – 3:00pm, 3:00 – 4:30pm and 4:30 – 6:00pm.
- d. When session reserved play is completed and there are open courts, members may move to the open court and continue play.
- e. Courts 1 and 2 are not currently available from 1:30 – 5:00pm daily for lessons (subject to change).

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f. NUMBER OF TENNIS BALLS: The maximum number of tennis balls shall be limited to one can of balls (after Covid 19 protocols have been retired), or the equivalent, per court, except court 5. On court 5, when the ball machine is in use, no limit is set on the number of tennis balls that can be used.

USE OF BALL MACHINE:

- a. The ball machine is on court 5 and may be reserved after noon daily.
- b. Upon completion of play/use, all the tennis balls must be picked up, and the ball machine must be returned to the storage area.
- c. It is the responsibility of anyone using the ball machine to keep track of any tennis balls from other courts that encroach on to court 5 and return them as soon as possible consistent with proper court etiquette.

GUESTS:

- a. GUEST SIGN-IN: All members are required to register their guests in the guest book. All members must sign-in guests prior to commencement of play.
- b. Guests may not be on the courts without their member host.
- c. Members should meet their guests in the parking lot and escort them in to the Club to ensure Covid rules are followed.
- d. NUMBER OF GUESTS: Members are allowed to invite up to three guests.
- e. Individual guests should be limited to one session per day; members may have one guest in the morning and a different guest in the afternoon. Due to heavy court use on weekend mornings, we ask that members do not invite three guests for morning play on the weekend.
- f. GUEST CHARGES: The fee for a guest is \$5.00/guest per visit payable as cash, check or Venmo at time of play.
- g. The last Sunday of every month shall be designated as free guest day. Members may invite up to three guests to play tennis for free.
- h. Violation of the guest rules can result in the loss of guest privileges.

DRESS CODE:

- a. All members must maintain proper tennis attire at all times while at the Club.
- b. Proper tennis shoes must be worn at all times while using the tennis courts.
- c. Changing of clothes must be confined to the locker rooms (bathrooms) only.

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d. Members are responsible for ensuring that their guests conform to the proper tennis attire while at the Club.

TENNIS LESSONS AT MRC:

a. In general, the only person authorized to provide tennis lessons at the MRC facility is the MRC Club Pro as approved by the Board of Directors; no group lessons, clinics, or private lessons may be conducted at the Club by any other person without the approval of the Board.

b. Lessons will normally be given on court 5. If other courts are open, the Club Pro may conduct lessons on a court other than court 5 as long as it does not unduly interfere with play on adjacent courts. However, the ball machine may only be used on court 5.

MILLBRAE RACQUET CLUB TENNIS ETIQUETTE :

1. Proper court etiquette must be observed at all times.
2. Loud, excessive talking and/or shouting that might distract other players is not allowed.
3. The use of any offensive language is not allowed at any time.
4. You should always give the benefit of doubt on all close line calls to your opponent.
5. If a ball goes onto another court, wait for the players on that court to return the ball to you. Do not attempt to retrieve the ball.
6. While playing tennis, you should make every attempt (without disturbing other players) to prevent tennis balls from going onto other courts whenever possible.
7. When returning a ball to another court, the correct way is to give them the ball on one bounce. Do not return the ball while play is continuing on the adjacent court.
8. In between points, you should send the balls directly to the server (or in doubles to the net player) directly. Don't make your opponents chase the balls.
9. Always be certain your opponents are ready before serving.
10. You should not return serves that are clearly out. Keep balls on your side of the net.
11. Always observe all the court rules, and insist that others do the same.