

# Palm Desert Tennis Club - Court-Use Guidelines

This guide is provided to familiarize users to the <sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub> PDTC Tennis and Pickleball programs and practices.

## PDTC's History and Objectives

The Palm Desert Tennis Club has a rich tradition and tennis has been its primary focus since it was developed in 1973 by Beverly and John Fleitz. Bev was a Wimbledon finalist in 1955 and in 1959 was ranked as the number one female tennis player in the United States. Tennis immortals Rod Laver and Jack Kramer were original condominium owners.

**The main goal of our tennis program is to enable members and guests to enjoy playing tennis and pickleball in a beautiful setting with a wonderful community of like-minded players.** This guide will provide an overview of the Tennis and Pickleball programs and provides the information you need about scheduling matches, dress code, clinics, tournaments, social tennis, ball machine, guests, guest fees and more.

## Introduction

The PDTC is a private club funded by its members. Both a homeowner and a renter at the PDTC is a 'resident member' of the club. In addition, the club has non-resident memberships (individuals and families who do not live in the PDTC, but who joined the club to play tennis and participate in the club's social programs). Membership includes tennis/pickleball, racquetball/basketball, fitness room, lap pool, business center, library, games room and participation in all of the club's social activities.

The Director of Tennis and Pickleball implements all tennis programs including clinics, lessons and tournaments. The Coordinator of Tennis and Pickleball manages the pro shop and is responsible for scheduling matches and assigning courts. The Board of the PDTC sets policy for the tennis program. There is a Tennis Chair, designated by the Board, who works with club members and the Court-Use committee to make recommendations regarding the tennis programs.

The PDTC has eight lit tennis courts which are available for use from 6am to 10:00 pm. The tennis year is divided into a High Season (October 1 to May 31) and a Summer Season (June 1 to September 30). The Director and Coordinator of Tennis and Pickleball work during high season. They offer lessons, clinics and tournaments which are available to all members. There is no formal program during the summer season, although year-round members often organize morning and evening matches, as well as drop-in social matches.

## Conduct on the Courts

The PDTC is dedicated to the highest level of tennis sportsmanship and personal behavior. The PDTC code of conduct applies and is available in the pro shop and the office.

## Dress Code

Proper tennis attire must be worn while on the tennis/pickleball courts. This includes collared shirts and/or <sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub> non-collared, dry-fit shirts and tennis shorts for men. Women must wear tennis clothing, such as collared shirts, sleeveless tennis shirts, tennis shorts, dresses or skirts. Juniors (under 16) may wear tennis tee-shirts. All players must wear non-marking shoes.

**Not allowed on the tennis/pickleball courts:** cotton tee-shirts, sleeveless shirts of any fabric for men, <sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub> cut-off shorts, sports bras, leotards, running shorts, running shoes and black-soled shoes.

## Scheduling

The pro shop is open at 7:45 am daily and remains open until noon seven days a week throughout the season. Matches are scheduled daily by the pro shop coordinator during the high season. When the demand for court time is high, matches may be limited to 90 minutes to meet court demand. Members have two options for scheduling their matches:

- request a coordinator-organized match with 3 other players of like ability or;
- book a court and organize a set match with 3 other players they name.

**All players must sign in at the pro shop prior to entering their assigned court. If the pro shop is closed then all players must sign in at the office. All members must sign a one-time waiver prior to initial play.**

## Coordinator-organized Matches

Sign up in the pro shop or call: **760-340-9166** and ask for a coordinator-organized match. Leave your name, and specify the day or days on which you want to play. The coordinator will then match you with players (as best they can) with similar levels of play and will call you the day before to confirm the time and date of your match. In addition, the scheduling white board located outside the pro shop will list the next day's court assignments and is available on the member's only portion of the website by approximately 3 pm the day before.

**www.palmdeserttennisclub.com > member's only > password required > daily tennis** (members may ask for password)

## Set Own Matches

Booking requests can be made over the phone (**760-340-9166**) or in person when the pro shop is open. During the busy season (November, February and March), the coordinator may limit court bookings to 6 days in advance. To book your match, give the coordinator the names of the four players, the date of the match and the preferred start time if available.

## The Tennis Pro

Our USPTA /APA certified Tennis / Pickleball Pro is responsible for:

- planning and initiating lessons, clinics and tournaments;
- executing tennis events;
- overseeing the operation of the pro shop; 
- conducting two clinics each week at no cost to those participating
- provides lessons for a fee

## Tournaments, Clinics and Social Tennis

The club hosts themed round robins and in-house events. The Court-Use committee works with the Director and Coordinator of Tennis and Pickleball to establish additional 'competitive/social' tournaments and/or events.

The tennis program includes a Saturday morning one-hour clinic presented by the club pro followed by a social round robin organized by the coordinator. The clinic starts at 8 am and the round robin begins at 9 am.

## Ball Machine

The Club's ball machine is located on Court 8 and is available for use when the court is not needed for match play. The Ball machine fee is \$10 per hour or \$70 annually (Ball Machine Club). Each annual ball machine membership includes all members of the same PDTC condo unit or all members who are included in a nonresident family membership. The ball machine must be booked in advance or can be used on-the-spot if there are no pre-set bookings. Members must take a short ball machine lesson before initial use which can be booked in the pro shop.

## Guests

Guest fees (\$10 per person) apply for the use of the tennis courts. All guests must register before facility use. Those exempt from guest fees include:

- Family staying in the owner's unit when the owner is in residence. **Family is defined as spouse, children, in-laws, parents, domestic partner, in-law children, grandchildren, grandparents, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.**
- Family members of a renter staying in the rented unit
- Family members of a non-resident member
- Non-members invited by the pro shop to play matches
- Persons taking a paid lesson or clinic on that day
- Persons utilizing a member's free guest pass
- Any renter while occupying a unit
- Persons invited by and accompanied by a member to play after 11 am (limited to 8 times during <sup>SEP</sup>high season **October 1 to May 31**)
- Persons accompanied by a member during **summer season (June 1 to September 30)**.

## Members

A member receives two free guest passes per month and:

- must accompany their guest.
- monitors their guest's frequency which is **limited to 8 times per season** (regardless of time of day)
- evenings: members must register their guests on a sign-up sheet posted outside the pro shop wall and ensure their guest has signed a waiver.