

# TENNIS Rules

# 2014

Carolina Colours Association is pleased to offer the use of their tennis courts to its residents and guests. Please read and abide by the rules and regulations of the tennis program. This will help to ensure a fair and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

All persons using the Carolina Colours Tennis Courts do so at their own risk. The Carolina Colours Association Inc. (the "Association") and its members, employers, agents assume no responsibility for injury to person or damage to property resulting from such use. Rules and regulations have been established for the protection and benefit of all users of the tennis courts and associated facilities, and are designed to encourage safe operation.

The responsibility of parents and/or adult members who accompany children to the tennis courts continues while the children are on the tennis courts or near the pool or on Association property. Members are expected to ensure that their children and guests understand and observe the rules.

Repeated failure to comply with these rules shall be considered sufficient cause to suspend tennis court privileges.

## 1. Tennis Court Privileges

The tennis courts are owned by the Carolina Colours Association, Inc. (known as the "Association") and are available for use by all of its members. Membership in the Association is acquired through ownership of property (home or lot) within Carolina Colours. The Association, acting through the Board of Directors, determines use rights for non-members. The Board has determined that the tennis courts shall be available for use by members (including all family members residing in the home of the resident member), renters or lessees of homes within Carolina Colours, and certain pre-registered guests of members. Except as specified herein, no other users shall be allowed without Board approval.

Sitters for children under the age permitted for unaccompanied tennis court use must be at least 16 years old, and must register and be approved by the Association, acting through its general manager. Adult members may supervise children not their own without registration or approval by the Association.

## 2. Safety

- a. Children under the age of 14 may not use the tennis courts without adult supervision.
- b. All accidents and injuries must be reported immediately to the Association general manager's office at the Pavilion, (252) 772-0201, ext. 3. In the event of an emergency call 911 immediately before contacting the general manager's office.
- c. The following items are prohibited within the fenced tennis courts area:
  - Glass and breakable objects
  - Alcoholic beverages unless purchased at the Pavilion
  - Chewing gum, smoking / chewing tobacco products
  - Skateboards, roller blades, bicycles, scooters, toys, etc. which could otherwise damage the Har-Tru (clay) tennis courts
  - Pets, other than service animals
  - Unsupervised children
- d. The following actions are prohibited within the fenced in tennis court area:
  - Excessive horseplay, including running and pushing others around the tennis courts
  - Foul language
  - Spitting
  - Littering
  - Standing on the benches, hanging on the nets, or otherwise abusing the equipment.
  - Removal of the rakes from the courts
- e. All food wrappers, drink bottles, tennis balls, and containers must be picked up and placed in the proper receptacles. Members are encouraged to utilize the available recycling containers.
- f. A series of rapid blasts on the whistle and/or blast horn will be used by Carolina Colours staff as an emergency signal. The tennis courts must be vacated immediately.

## 3. Age Limit for Use

- a. Children under the age of 14 years will not be allowed to use the tennis courts unless accompanied by a responsible adult or approved sitter.
- b. Parents of children under the age of 16 must file a consent form with the Association before their children age 14 and above will be allowed to use the tennis court facilities without an adult or approved sitter.

#### 4. **Guests**

- a. Guests who are staying with members in their homes (house guests) do not need to be accompanied by the member. Immediate family members of CC residents are considered to be house guests, even if they live in the local area.
- b. Members may bring guests who are not staying with them in their home. However, members must accompany these guests to and remain with them while at the tennis courts.
- c. Babysitters are not considered to be guests during their hours of employment. They assume the rights and responsibilities as members while they are supervising their charges.

#### 5. **Use of Tennis Courts and Pool Facilities**

- a. Only tennis shoes or athletic sneakers (no crepe soles, loafers, slip-ons, cross-trainer shoes, shoes with cleats, or golf shoes) will be allowed on the tennis courts
- b. Proper tennis attire including shirts must be worn at all times while playing. No jeans or provocative clothing are allowed.
- c. The toilets and shower in the pool facilities are available for use by players prior to, during, and after play as long as the pool facilities are open.
- d. The tennis courts are for playing tennis and should NOT be used for playing pickle ball, soccer, kickball or other unrelated activities. Bikes, skateboards, scooters, etc. shall not be permitted on the tennis courts.
- e. Covered benches between the tennis courts are available for members, guests, etc. for setting personal items down, watching a match, and/or resting during matches.
- f. Personal coolers (for non-alcoholic drinks and food) are allowed on the tennis facilities. A water cooler / fountain is available for use by players.
- g. Proper tennis etiquette should be observed at all times.
  - Players entering or leaving the tennis courts should be respectful of players already on the courts and ask permission prior to passing through to the empty court and/or leaving the courts.
  - Prior to retrieving tennis balls which entered the other court please request permission to enter and retrieve the balls.
  - Balls returned to other courts should be returned when play is stopped and acknowledged.
  - Be respectful and courteous towards other players.
  - Close the entry gate behind you.
- h. Members and guests must dispose of any trash they generate, and are encouraged to dispose of other trash left behind on the courts.
- i. Due to the popularity of the sport, players can play on available tennis courts for up to one (1) hour for singles and one and one-half hours for

- doubles but players must yield the court to waiting players after the regulated time of play.
- j. No more than four (4) players at a time are allowed on each court.
  - k. The courts will sometimes be used for scheduled activities such as tennis lessons and tournament play, and as a result are subject to closure to the general membership.
  - l. The courts should not be played on when wet or frosted over as this may damage the court surface. The condition of the court as to whether or not it is playable will be determined by the CC golf pro shop.
  - m. Following play the courts should be brushed to fill in holes and smooth out the court surface utilizing the broom hanging on the fence. Please leave the courts in the same or better condition than you found them.
    - On Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays, the courts should be brushed in a North - South direction (parallel to Waterscape Way).
    - On alternate days (i.e. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays) the courts should be brushed in an East - West direction (perpendicular to Waterscape Way).
    - Following the East-West, or North-South brushing, please make one final pass around the court perimeter with the brush to smooth out any mounds of clay from the initial brushing.
    - Any protruding nails on the taped lines should be gently tapped down in a vertical plain using the sole of your foot.
  - n. Any comments regarding the operation of the tennis courts should be brought to the Association's attention. Urgent issues should be brought to the immediate attention of the general manager at (252) 876-8150. Non-emergency issues should be brought to the attention of the general manager at (252) 772-0201, ext. 3, or at [kgerhardt@carolinacolours.com](mailto:kgerhardt@carolinacolours.com).
  - o. The telephone in the pool area is available for members and guests for emergency usage and reporting incidents to the Association general manager.

## 6. Tennis Court Hours of Operation

- a. Tennis court hours will be posted at the entrance gate and monthly in the "Colourful Happenings" newsletter.
- b. The entry gates will be locked and unlocked daily by Association staff. Use of the tennis courts is not allowed at any time the entry gates are locked.
- c. Tennis court hours may be changed by the Association due to inclement weather or emergency conditions. The tennis courts must be cleared immediately after each incident of thunder and/or lightning and remain closed for a minimum of ten (10) minutes thereafter.

- d. Scheduled hours of operation from May through September will be 7 AM till 8 PM, and for October the hours will change from 7 AM to 7 PM.
- e. For winter time hours, the courts will be open from 8 AM through 5 PM weather permitting.

## **7. Tennis Court Reservations**

- a. At this time two (2) courts are available for playing tennis. However, Court #1 (defined as the court closest to Waterscape Way) can be reserved by members up to seven (7) days in advance by signing up on the Tennis Schedule Calendar located in the Golf Pro Shop.
- b. Court #2 (right of Court #1) cannot be reserved but rather will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- c. Reservations are limited to one (1) hour for singles play and one and one-half (1-1/2) hours for doubles play but players must yield the courts to waiting players after the initial elapsed time period ends.
- d. In the event that members cannot honor their reservations they should contact the Golf Pro Shop and cancel them accordingly. Those members who fail to do so or arrive ten (10) minutes after their reservation time will lose their court reservation.
- e. Players may play on available tennis courts in excess of the time regulations but must yield the courts to waiting players after the regulated time has expired.
- f. Courts #1 and #2 will sometimes be used for scheduled activities such as tennis clinics and group lessons conducted by a tennis professional, or for tournament play, and as a result the courts will be subject to closure to the general membership during this time. Please refer to posted signs at the tennis courts, the "Colourful Happenings" newsletter, and/or general email from the Association to the general membership for exact dates and times for these events. A nominal fee may be charged for lessons / clinics which will be payable directly to the tennis pro rather than to the Association.