

VILLAGES TENNIS CLUB RULES

Revised April 14, 2026

This document states the Villages Tennis Club Rules. Villages Golf and Country Club Rule 1.16, "Tennis Club," establishes general rules governing use of the tennis courts.

Tennis Club Rules are specific to the Tennis Club and are consistent with [VGCC Rule 1.16](#) and the [Tennis Club bylaws](#).

I . Membership:

A. Only Villages residents are eligible for membership in the Tennis Club.

B. Annual dues: Annual dues will be assessed for any membership granted during the months from January through September. There will be no charge for new members who join during October through December. All Tennis Club members will be billed annually on the 1st of January of each year. Annual dues for Tennis Club membership in the Tennis Club shall be \$25.00 per year. Annual dues for Social membership shall be \$10.00 per year.

II. Guest Players:

A. Guest players must be accompanied on the court by the host resident.

B. Guests may not be invited to play, or a court pre-reserved for guest play, before 10:30 a.m. on weekends, and approved holidays specified by the Tennis Club.

III. Ball Machine Membership:

A. The Tennis Club owns and retains control over the use of all ball machines. Ball machines may be used only by Tennis Club members. No other ball machines may be used on the Villages Tennis courts.

B. To obtain a key for ball machine use, a Tennis Club member must: a) apply for a "Ball Machine Membership;" b) complete formal instruction on the machine's operation; and c) sign a "Waiver of Responsibility" form. (See Tennis Directory for the ball machine contact person.)

1. Ball Machine Membership cost is an annual \$10.00 Administration Fee.

C. Ball machines may be used only on Court 1. The ball machine may be used at 10:30 or later by reservation, or at any hour without reservation when the court remains unused by a regular play group as of ten minutes after the reservation start time (i.e., at 7:40 a.m. or 9:10 a.m.). The ball machine may not be used when any league or tournament play is in progress.

IV. Court Restrictions:

- A.** Proper tennis attire, including shirts, must be worn at all times. Any shoes that leave marks on the court are prohibited.
- B.** No food or drink, except water, shall be taken onto the courts.
- C.** Glass and other breakable objects are not permitted on the courts.
- D.** No wheeled sports equipment, such as roller blades, roller skates, scooters, or model cars, are permitted on the court surface.
- E.** Smoking is not permitted on the courts or in the viewing stands.
- F.** Any grievous violation of court restrictions or Tennis Club Rules should be referred to Villages Security.

V. USTA League Play:

- A.** USTA play is organized and sponsored by the Villages Tennis Club. Village residents wishing to participate in these activities must be a member of the Villages Tennis Club. However, if needed to field a team, a Village USTA team may have up to 6 non-Villages members.
- B.** USTA matches shall be ideally scheduled at 12:00 Noon or later to facilitate court access for drop in and casual play. USTA matches must be approved by the Tennis Club Board for scheduling on the Villages courts prior to final scheduling on the USTA calendar. Exceptions can be scheduled with the Tennis Club Board.
- C.** All organized league home matches must be coordinated with the Tennis Club Master Scheduler.

VI. Tennis Club Master Scheduler:

The Master Scheduler shall reserve Courts for club activities such as tournaments, Villages Tennis League (VTL), and USTA league play. The reservations for these activities will usually be made on Courts 1 – 4 whenever possible, to allow that Courts 5 and 6 are available for individual reservations on the [YourCourts](#) Reservation system.

VII. Team Practice

Team practices must be scheduled at 12:00 Noon or later and are limited to one practice period (1 1/2 hours) per week and a maximum of four courts. After the schedule is agreed upon, the Master Scheduler will block off practice times on [YourCourts](#).

VIII. Court Reservations and Authorized Play:

- A.** See VGCC Villages Rules 1.16. Reservations are for a playing period of 1 1/2 hours, starting at 7:30 a.m.

1. No person may reserve the same court for consecutive time periods.

a) An exception is made to allow consecutive time period reservations for the board designated Villages Tennis Pro/Coach.

This exception does not apply between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. daily

2. No group may reserve and/or play for consecutive time periods unless an open court is available. (For example: Player A in a group signs up for a 9:00 a.m. play period. Player B, C, or D may not sign up for a 10:30 a.m. play period on any court. However, they may play at 10:30 a.m. on any open court.)

a) Any court not reserved for play is available for play on a first-come basis.

b) A reserved court, unclaimed after 10 minutes, is forfeited to the next group waiting to play.

3. Schedule A – Drop-in and Open Play times

The Tennis Club policy is to provide fair and adequate play time and court availability for all Villages residents, including play for recreation, club tournaments, USTA teams, and structured groups. Board authorized pre-reservations for specific court times will be posted on the YourCourts.com system. The Tennis Club Board reserves the right to adjust the current “drop-in” and “open play” schedule should there be a change in the usage of drop-in and open play court time. The Master Scheduler should evaluate court usage and recommend schedule adjustments to the board.

IX. Tournaments and Social Events:

A. To participate in Tennis Club sponsored tennis tournaments and Club Championships, players must be Villages residents and active members of the Tennis Club.

B. Accompanied guests of active or associate members are welcome at Tennis Club Social Events such as the Holiday party.

X. Amendments:

A. Amendments by the Board of Directors

These rules may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of all the Board of Directors, and a thirty (30) day prior notice to the membership.

Original as revised and approved by the Tennis Club Executive Board, 1/18/06
Revision 1 approved by the Tennis Club Executive Board, 2/15/06
Revision 2 authorized by the Tennis Club Executive Board, 2/21/07
Revision 3 approved by the Tennis Club Executive Board, 8/20/08
Revision 4 approved by the Tennis Club Executive Board, 4/21/10
Revision 5 approved by the Tennis Club Executive Board, 3/16/11
Revision 6 approved by the Tennis Club Executive Board, 10/19/11

Revision 7 approved by the Tennis Club Executive Board, 11/20/11
Revision 8 approved by the Tennis Club Executive Board, 10/23/12
Revision 9 approved by the Tennis Club Executive Board, 10/27/15
Revision 10 approved by the Tennis Club Executive Board, 6/1/2019
Revision 11 approved by the Tennis Club Executive Board, 5/16/202
Revision 12 approved by the Tennis Club Executive Board, 8/24/2021 and the
General Meeting of the Tennis Club on 9/26/2021.
Revision 13 approved by the Tennis Club Executive Board,4/26/2022.
Revision 14 Fixed VIII-A, From 8:50 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Adrien
Revision 15 approved by the Tennis Club Executive Board,11/28/23
Revision 16 approved by the Tennis Club Executive Board, 4/21/2026
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