

Tennis Court Rules Adopted August 7, 2017

All players are expected to abide by these Tennis Court Rules as well as the Tennis Etiquette Code. Violations may result in suspension of Tennis Cards pursuant to the Somerset Town Code.

1. Use: Courts are for tennis only. They are not a playground. Treat the courts with respect for the large financial investment they represent. For example, no bicycles, skates or dogs. Do not step over or damage the nets. Players must wear tennis shoes with light-colored rubber soles.
2. Access: Courts are for the exclusive use of resident households who have purchased tennis cards and guests playing with such residents.
3. Cards: One resident in each game must display his or her tennis card in the slot on the entrance gate. A card must be obtained at the Town Hall for an annual fee. Court access is further restricted by a keypad system. The access code may not be shared with non-cardholders.
4. Reservations: A resident may make one reservation a day up to three days in advance by legibly writing the resident's name and address on the posted sign-up sheet. A second resident in the same household may make a separate reservation. A reservation is for one hour, singles or doubles. A reservation starts on the hour (except as provided in Regulation 5) and is void if not claimed by 10 minutes after the hour.
5. Group Lessons: To make a reservation for a group lesson (three or more students), a resident must legibly state on the sign-in sheet the resident's first and last name, street, and the word "group." Group lessons are limited to 5 players plus instructor. A different card must be used for each hour of a group lesson. (For example, if the lesson is two hours, the group must include two residents with cards.) A group lesson may only be given before 5 pm on weekdays and at noon or later on weekends and holidays. A group lesson must be given on courts one or three. Only one group lesson may be given at a time, except two may be given from 3 pm to 5 pm on weekdays. On those days a group lesson reservation may start at 3:30 pm. Instructors who are not Somerset residents must agree in writing to conduct lessons in accordance with the Town Tennis Court Rules and Tennis Etiquette Code.
6. Special Events: The Council may permit use of the courts for special events, provided that any such event is (1) recommended by the Tennis Committee; (2) designed to promote tennis playing by residents; (3) respects these regulations and all Town ordinances, including rules regarding dates, times, noise and nuisance, etc.; and (4) is publicized in advance.
7. Camp Summerset: The Council may enter into agreements with Camp Summerset, permitting the Camp to use the courts, provided that any such agreement (1) is recommended by the Tennis Committee; and (2) protects as far as possible the rights of residents to play tennis with minimal interference from the Camp.
8. Etiquette: All players and instructors must abide by Somerset's Tennis Etiquette Code.
9. Penalties: Failure to follow Somerset Tennis Court Rules or Tennis Etiquette Code may result in suspension of one's Tennis Card pursuant to the Somerset Town Code.