

**SUN CITY CENTER TENNIS ASSOCIATION  
RULES AND REGULATIONS  
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The purpose of these Rules and Regulations is to establish priorities and controls for fair, efficient and practical use of the tennis courts, complex, facilities and equipment for the optimum benefit of the membership. These Rules and Regulations have been developed from years of experience and are presented for your information and guidance. Prudence as well as good manners and behavior still need to prevail.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Being a Sun City Center Community Association member in good standing is prerequisite for membership in the Sun City Center Tennis Association (TA).

TA membership offers the benefits of 1) priority use of all courts during specified periods, 2) reserving courts for individual play and practice, 3) use of TA-owned ball machines, and 4) participation in TA-sponsored tournaments, social activities and special events.

TA membership also assumes an agreement on the part of each member to comply with these Rules and Regulation, attend scheduled meetings and volunteer time and effort for various committees and court maintenance.

**ORGANIZATION**

The TA operates as an official club under control of the Sun City Center Community Association. The TA is administered by an Executive Board which operates under published by-laws. Copies are maintained on an active website and are on file at the Community Association. Copies are available upon request by any TA member.

**DUES**

TA members are required to pay annual dues. The amount of annual dues is determined at an Annual General Meeting in accordance with the TA by-laws. A listing of members will be posted on the court bulletin boards.

## **COURT USAGE**

The CA/TA Agreement of January 5, 1992 grants the TA priority use of the courts until 1:00 PM each day and preference for the lighted courts three evenings per week. TA members and their qualified guests may reserve courts during the following priority times:

7:30 - 1:00 PM    Everyday

5:30 - 10:00 PM (Lighted courts) Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

All Community Association members and their qualified guests may reserve courts for time periods other than shown above by writing their names on the schedule posted at the tennis facility.

The Community Association has a separate agreement with the Competitive Tennis Club (CTC), which has its own by-laws. In accordance with that agreement, the CTC has priority for courts on specific days. The CTC has priority to use 3 courts at 9:00 AM and two courts at 10:30 AM on Wednesday and Saturday. Additionally, the CTC will have priority use of three (3) courts at 10:30 on Friday. Monthly schedules of CTC league play will be provided to the TA reservation head as soon as possible before league play commences. During these days at these times, the CTC is allowed to host players who are neither Community Association nor TA members. The CTC will reserve courts using the same process as TA members, with the exception that reservations for the CTC shall be made as “CTC” not the individuals playing, because the individuals may not be members. If the CTC is not going to use courts in the coming week, the CTC must notify the head(s) of scheduling no later than Thursday evening of the preceding week. After posting of the TA schedule is complete, the CTC may enter their name on the schedule, where empty courts are available for up to two additional courts on Wednesday and two additional courts on Saturday. These additional courts can only be used for their actual league play (example USTA or ALOT).

## **QUALIFIED GUESTS/VISITORS**

In accordance with the Community Association by-laws and policy, house guests and visitors are permitted to use the tennis facilities up to thirty (30) days per year. The guest/visitor must play with a Community Association member who is responsible for the conduct of the guest. All TA and Community Association members must purchase guest cards at the Community Association office or at the fitness center when the Community Association office is closed. These requirements can be found on the CA website in the Policy Manual Section VI

Facilities Items 6.05 B & C, Section V Clubs & Organizations Item D and in the CA Bylaws Item XII.

Proper attire is required on the courts when using the tennis facilities. Specifically, a shirt and tennis shoes appropriate for soft court usage are required at all times.

Good manners and conduct are expected of all players at all times. Such manners and conduct include but are not limited to refraining from loud conversation, profanity or any activity that would reasonably distract or disturb other players or persons in or near the court or tennis facilities. If serious player problems develop, the problems should be brought to the attention of a TA Executive Board member.

Players are expected to provide reasonable assistance in keeping the courts and general facilities clean, playable and useable.

### **PRIORITY COURT RESERVATIONS**

Only TA and CTC members may reserve courts using current accepted practices as promulgated at the TA Information Pavilion, which is at the entrance to the tennis courts, and/or on the TA website.

If reservations are to be cancelled, one of the players involved should note the change on the posted schedule at the TA Information Pavilion.

The Executive Board may reserve courts for special events such as league play, tournaments, social mixers, clinics and court maintenance.

### **PRACTICE SESSIONS**

TA members are permitted to practice individually or with another member or guest. Practice assumes that the individuals involved are not playing a typical two-, three- or four-person game/match. Rather there will be some repetitious shot-taking often involving multiple balls. In some instances an individual may be feeding balls to the person practicing a specific aspect of their game (eg, serving, net play, etc). In the interest of courtesy to and safety of other players, such practice is better conducted on courts next to an adjacent empty court. The objective is to minimize interfering with or endangering other players, ie minimizing the possibility of balls going onto an adjacent court. Regardless, such practice sessions may not occur prior to 10:30 AM.

## **TENNIS LESSONS**

Only TA, CTC and Community Association members are eligible to use the courts for tennis lessons. TA and CTC members may reserve court time for lessons after the weekly schedule has been posted. No lessons may occur prior to 10:30AM and must be held on a court with an adjacent open court. After 1:00 PM other courts may be used for lessons by TA, CTC or Community Association members provided the adjacent court is not occupied or being used.

TA, CTC and Community Association members must pay lesson fees by check payable to the Sun City Center TA. The instructor must have each individual complete the sign-in form containing name, date, Community Association number, instructor's name and amount paid. The instructor will submit the sign-in form and checks to the TA Treasurer or a designated representative. Once per month, the TA Treasurer will issue a check to the instructor in the amount collected, less \$1.00 fee per lesson. The Treasurer will submit an IRS Form-1099 if an instructor receives more than \$600.00 in fees during a calendar year. Failure to comply with any of the aforementioned will result in revocation of the instructor's teaching privileges at Sun City Center tennis facilities.

## **BALL MACHINES**

TA members who have been instructed on operation of the ball machines are allowed to use, at their own risk, any ball machine owned by the TA. Instruction of ball machine operation is available by prior arrangement. House guests of TA and/or CTC members may use the ball machines when being operated by and at the risk of TA or CTC member.

No ball machine may be used prior to 10:30AM. After 10:30AM and until 1:00PM, ball machine usage is limited to court #5 provided court #6 is either not in use or is being used with another ball machine. If court 5 is not available, then between 10:30AM and 1:00PM, court #1 may be used provided that court #2 is either not in use or is being used with another ball machine. After 1:00PM ball machines may be used on other courts provided the adjacent court is either not in use or is being used with another ball machine.

## **PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES**

The following activities are prohibited within the tennis court complex and facilities (excluding the parking lots):

- Driving golf carts (except by maintenance personnel)
- Riding bicycles. Bicycles should be walked within the facilities and parked in the bike racks.
- Walking or having dogs or other pets within the tennis complex or facilities (Service animals excepted)
- Smoking