

Dear GTC Members:

In an effort to ensure that the needs of all members are met with respect to court usage for organized club activities, general play and instruction, the Executive held a meeting this week to discuss various issues that have surfaced in the past few weeks. The following policy grew out of the thoughtful input from many members and consultation with executive members, instructors and our court monitor. Please familiarize yourself with this policy, and feel free to contact President Dave Muir or Vice President Cathy Carson with your concerns. The Executive is monitoring court use and will implement further measures to promote fair and equal access to the courts, especially during prime time playing hours, should they become necessary.

1. The Club provides a calendar - both hard copy and digital copy- that outlines the structured activities. Members are expected to consult the calendar to know when the courts may not be available for general play.

2. The Club provides some structured activities, approved by the Executive, such as Monday and Friday Night Round Robins, Guildwood Cup, group lessons, clinics, STF competitive teams and tournaments or social events. The duration and number of courts required for these activities is indicated on the calendar. These activities, generally open to all, take priority over all other play. Lessons will not be scheduled during these times. If courts are available for general play, members must abide by the policy on fair use of courts outlined in #3 below.

3. When the courts are available for general play, we ask all members, both junior and adult, to observe this fair use policy: During member hours, you have the right to take a court being occupied by non-members. You have the right to play for an hour. If, after an hour, other members are waiting to use a court, you are expected to give up the court. You may wait your turn for the next available court.

4. Members benefit from being able to use the courts to take private lessons. However, there needs to be consideration for the safety and enjoyment of all other players on the court. Consequently, the Executive has approved the policy that Court 4 will be available for lessons at times when no structured activity is scheduled. Lessons will be scheduled on the hour and limited to 1 hour. If an instructor arrives to give a lesson and all four courts are in use, the instructor will take court 4 and determine the fairest way to allocate the remaining three courts among all those who are playing.

Instructors, who are members of the club, will ensure that players on other courts are kept safe by controlling the balls so as not to interfere with players on other courts. Those involved in lessons will promptly return balls of other players that might stray onto court 4 and get mixed up with lesson balls.

5. All members must be courteous to and respectful of others in both language and action. Don't interrupt games on neighboring courts for any reason. Wait until a point is over to walk past a court or retrieve a ball. If a ball rolls into your court from an adjacent court, return the ball as soon as possible without having to stop in the middle of a point. Call a let as necessary.

For a more extensive outline of tennis court etiquette, visit <http://www.tenniscanada.com/tennis-etiquette-101/>
For the official OTA policy, visit <https://www.tennisontario.com/players/resources/ota-code-of-conduct>