



Charles River Tennis Club Court Conduct and Rules

Use of Courts

- The lower courts (#1 and #2) are available daily for use from 8:30 AM to dusk; the upper courts (#3 and #4) from 8:30 AM to 9:45 PM. Play must cease by 9:45 PM so that the courts and lines can be swept, lights shut off, clubhouse door locked, and gates closed no later than 10:00 PM – NO EXCEPTIONS.
- No play may begin before 8:30 AM.
- The clubhouse door should be locked and all gates should be closed when leaving at night.
- Follow instructions posted at the courts and/or on the member page for when and how to properly sweep the courts.
- Courts are closed during watering times. Refer to schedule posted at the courts and/on the member page as times change throughout the season.
- Do not enter the neighbor's yard or driveway across from Court 3 and 4 to pick up balls that go over the fence or for any other reason. Bring extra balls in case this happens.
- The courts are not available for rental for any reason.
- The courts are not to be used when there is any standing water or mud on the courts, or when walking on the courts leaves footprints or indentations. If it rains hard, stop playing and vacate the courts immediately. Do not sweep the courts.
- The upper courts (#3 and #4) have lights for evening play. The light switch panel is located between the men's and women's bathrooms in the alcove. If the lights do not come on right away after you switch them on, you must turn them off and then wait about 20 minutes before you turn them on again as they need to reset themselves.
- There is a timer switch inside the clubhouse behind the door (to the left of the door as you exit) that provides light for your exit to get to your car after the court lights have been turned off. Please make sure all other lights are turned off before leaving, close and lock the clubhouse door and close all gates.

Court Reservation System and Drop In Tennis (DIT)

- With the exception of Drop-In Tennis times, members must reserve courts using the online reservation system.
- Members are asked to limit their reservations to no more than once a day, especially during evenings when court availability is limited.
- Members can make reservations up to one week in advance. When reserving a court, members must add the names of all the players at least 2 days before the date of the reservation as a courtesy to everyone. Please cancel your reservation if you are unable to use the court.
- Members hosting guests should follow procedures for recording guests on a reservation and ensure guests go to the Clubhouse and sign-in PRIOR to each time they play.
- Drop-in/Open tennis is played from 8:30-11:30 AM on Tuesdays and Thursdays on court #3 and #4, and on all four courts Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. All members are welcome. Just drop-in anytime and stay as long as you like. Waiting players rotate in after the completion of each set. When players are waiting use no-ad scoring and first to 6 games ends the set. Win-by-2 doesn't apply when people are waiting.

- The purpose of Drop-in/Open tennis is to play with as many different people as possible, so members are asked to be courteous and respectful of others who may be at different levels.

Guest Privileges

- Members are allowed to bring guests. No one person can be a guest more than three times per season. The guest fee is \$10 per visit. It's the member's responsibility to make sure the guest signs the Guest Sign-In Sheet in the clubhouse each time they play and the member is responsible for paying/collecting the guest fee. The guest sign in sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse and serves as an Insurance Waiver from the guest. It must be signed PRIOR to playing. Members are responsible for unpaid guest fees.
- The courts are not to be used by non-members unless accompanied by a CRTC member.
- The Officers or Board of Directors may grant exceptions to these guest privileges at their discretion.

Member Conduct and Apparel

- All persons on or at the courts are to be appropriately attired.
- Only tennis or smooth bottom shoes may be worn on the courts.
- The use of loud, profane, obscene or abusive language on or about the courts is not allowed.
- Follow tennis etiquette. Stay off the courts when not playing and keep talking to a minimum.
- When walking between the upper and lower courts please keep a respectable distance from the white house. It is a private residence.
- Smoking is not allowed anywhere on the club grounds.
- All persons should clean up after themselves. Properly dispose of trash, redeemable bottles/cans, and recyclables, including tennis balls.
- Bottled water and tennis balls are for sale in the clubhouse.

Parking

- Parking is available on:
 - Charles River Road, between Cherokee Lane and Massasoit Street, just outside the fence on Court #1. Please pull up on the grass as close to the fence as possible. Do not park within 10' of the corners. Park in the direction of the traffic flow.
 - Cherokee Lane on the grass field behind courts #1 and #2. Please pull in only as far enough as to get your vehicle off the road. When leaving please back into the street rather than driving on the grass or into neighbors' drive ways.
 - Massasoit and Massapoag Streets in the designated off-street parking spaces in front of courts #3 and #4 and to the left of the club entrance. Do not park on the street.
 - Massasoit Street in front of courts #1 and #2. Please pull up on the grass as close to the fence as possible. Do not park within 10' of the corner. Park in the direction of the traffic flow.
 - Limited on-street parking is available on Massasoit. Do not park in any spot designed as "no parking" or in such a way as to prevent trucks and emergency vehicles from passing.

Empowerment of the Officers, Board Members and Director of Maintenance

- These people are directed and empowered to interpret and enforce the club rules.
- Any member, who has been found in repeated and/or willful violation of the above rules, may lose all right of membership by a majority vote of the Officers and Board of Directors.