

STERLING OAKS TENNIS CLUB
RULES AND REGULATIONS
April 2014

1. Proper tennis attire is required as defined by the Director of Tennis. Regulation tennis shoes suitable for soft court play are required.
2. Phone reservations only will be taken prior to 9:00am. After 9:00am, court reservations may be made by phone or in person at the Pro Shop desk. When reserving a court for doubles play, at least three players must be listed on the reservation and the Pro Shop staff will assist members in attempting to find a fourth player if needed.
3. At least one representative from each court must check in at the Pro Shop prior to their scheduled court time or the court time may be released to other players.
4. All players who fail to cancel their reservation a minimum of one hour prior to their scheduled court time may lose future reservation privileges.
5. For single court play (singles or doubles), a member will be limited to one court reservation during prime time (8:00am through 12:30pm). Another court may be reserved later in the day when available. For groups of members playing on more than one court, any member representing that group may reserve a maximum of three courts for the group. However, only two courts may be reserved in January, February, March & April or at the discretion of the Director of Tennis. Courts may be reserved for a maximum of 90 minutes for either singles or doubles play. At the end of the reserved period, players must promptly relinquish their court to the next reserving player(s). All special events such as tournaments, member guests, outside rental of courts may not be scheduled before 11am thus assuring members at least 2 time slots for daily play.
6. Guests may play six (6) times during prime season (November-April) and 12 times during the summer season (May-October). A guest fee from the prevailing fee schedule will be charged. The names of all guests must be reported to the gatehouse for admittance to Sterling Oaks (if coming from outside), and then to the Pro Shop for registration and payment of guest fees. If the Pro Shop is closed, the member sponsoring the guest must provide their guest information along with guest fee payment to the Pro Shop the following day. Guests that are family members of tennis members may play up to 14 times as a paying guest. Any resident homeowner may reserve a court for family usage after 12:30pm for the published nominal fee from the prevailing fee schedule if a court is available.

7. Proper tennis etiquette must be observed at all times. Specifically, this includes:
 - Displaying good sportsmanship at all times
 - Treating members, guests and club staff with respect
 - Waiting until an active point is over before entering any court
 - Avoiding racquet and equipment abuse
 - Turning off cell phones and PDA's or silencing them during play
 - Refraining from excessive noise and no profanity
 - Disposing of all trash before leaving the courts

8. Smoking on or around the courts is not allowed at any time.

9. No alcohol will be consumed by players during active play and no alcohol is permitted on the active playing surface where a match is underway. Any alcohol must be purchased from Sterling Oaks and may not be brought in from outside. Glass containers are not permitted within or around the playing area at any time.

10. A limited number of courts will be available for night play. For night play, a light fee may be charged. Reservations should be made in advance. Tennis members can obtain a key for court lights if their name is on the members list at the guardhouse. The key must be returned when play is done.

11. A ball machine may be used at the discretion of the Director of Tennis. A fee will be charged for the use of the Club's ball machine. Reservations must be made in advance for usage.

12. Use of the tennis courts and facilities shall, at all times, be subject to the control of the Director of Tennis. The Director of Tennis shall determine the suitability of the tennis courts for play. Courts will be closed when necessary for maintenance operations or when dictated by safety consideration or by reason of adverse weather conditions.

13. The Director of Tennis is authorized to implement temporary rules as may be necessary during peak periods of play, tournaments, and Club related social events.

14. No bicycles, scooters, skateboards, golf carts, motorized vehicles or pets are allowed on or around the tennis courts.

15. Members are encouraged to form and participate in organized tennis leagues. All teams must comply with league rules and regulations. USTA league teams must be comprised of at least 50% Sterling Oaks members and the team captain must be a Sterling Oaks member. Non-members will be charged a team participation fee for each league session and will play only in scheduled team

matches (no other court time is permitted unless a guest fee is paid). Non-members may play only on one team per season. Preference should be given to Sterling Oaks tennis members in the composition of teams and in actual league play. Other interclub leagues (i.e. USPTA, CTA, Col-Lee) must be comprised of 100% Club members. League play will not start before 1PM.