# The Club at Indian Lakes Homeowners' Association, Inc.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

## **SECTION D: Tennis Courts**

- 1. General Rules
  - a. In order to protect the courts and the integrity of the tennis program, the Tennis Pro has the authority to demand behavior in accord with the following Rules and Regulations and is authorized to stop play when he deems it necessary. Failure to comply may result in a fine imposed or suspension issued by the HOA. When the Tennis Pro is not present, an individual Board member may take such action as necessary to assure compliance with the Tennis Rules.
  - b. It is recommended that any children under the age of sixteen (16) only use the Tennis Courts and associated equipment when accompanied by and supervised by an adult.
  - c. Tennis-court clay must be removed from shoes prior to entering the tennis office and tennis patio.

#### **TENNIS PLAY - RULES**

- o **ELIGIBILITY:** The HOA's Tennis Courts are for the sole use of Residents, Members and Guests. Non-residents with a paid membership are considered Members.
- DEFINITIONS: HIGH SEASON: October 15th through April 15th of each year. LOW SEASON: April 16th through October 14<sup>th</sup> of each year. PRIME TIME: High Season: Prior to 11AM, Monday — Friday.
- o MEMBER: A non-resident may become a "Member", which gives that person the same rights to the use of the tennis courts as a Resident, by signing a contract and paying the current fee (see Tennis Pro for appropriate fee). Available memberships are: INDIVIDUAL ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP (\*); FAMILY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP (\*); SUMMER MEMBERSHIP: May 16th to September 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - \* This is an annual agreement valid from October 1st through September 30th of the following calendar year.
  - \*\* Husband and wife or domestic partners residing at the same address (proof required). Late applicants for annual memberships will pay a pro-rated fee as determined by the Tennis Coordinator. There will be no refunds for early cancellations. All Members must be up-to-date with their fee prior to play.
  - Similar to Residents, Members will be responsible for setting up their own games but may ask the Tennis Pro for assistance and guidance.
- o **GUEST**: Any person who is not a Resident, Member or houseguest of a resident.
- o GUEST POLICY: An outside guest of a Resident or of a Member is prohibited from playing on the Association's tennis courts during "Prime Time" during "High Season." Exceptions may be made only at the discretion of the Tennis Pro. In the case of Saturdays and Sundays during High Season, an outside guest(s) of a Resident or of a Member may play on an Association tennis court prior to 11:00 AM, but only if that court has not been assigned for play through the Association's court-lottery drawing. An outside guest may not play on an

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Association tennis court more than once in a calendar week. An outside guest must be accompanied by a Resident at all times. These rules do not apply to a houseguest of a Resident. An adult houseguest of a Resident may use the courts without a resident being present.

The full name of a guest must be used on a lottery slip (and identified with the letter G). Lottery slips comprised of all Residents and Members will take precedence over lottery slips that include guests. The letter G must be placed by the guest's full name on the lottery slips and on the sign-up sheets.

- NIGHT PLAY: Lights may be turned on when appropriate for safe play. Players must turn
  the lights off when play is finished. The light switch is located at the bottom of the electric
  box located at the southeast corner of Court 1.
- O CONTAINER OF BALLS AND BALL MACHINE RULES: Players who would like to bring a basket or other container of tennis balls or use a ball machine, on the courts may do so but must adhere to the following rules:
  - Only the four corner courts (1, 4, 5 and 7) can be used. If adjacent courts are
    occupied, only a maximum of 3 balls can be used on a court.
  - If a court is being properly used with a ball machine or container of balls, and someone subsequently wants to use the adjacent court, the container court shall be allowed to continue.
  - Only a ball machine owned by the HOA or the Tennis Pro may be used on the courts except when the Tennis Pro gives special permission.
- o **TENNIS TEACHING AND INSTRUCTION:** No one is allowed to use The Club tennis courts for any kind of tennis instruction, in a systematic pattern of behavior, with or without a basket or similar container of tennis balls or with the use of the ball machine, other than the Tennis Pro, unless he/she has permission from The Tennis Pro to do so. The only exception to this rule is that Residents may instruct any member(s) of their family and/or houseguests without obtaining permission from the Tennis Pro.
- o **NO SHOWS:** Any group that accumulates two no-shows during Prime Time in any 30-day period will be assigned to play at 11:00 A.M. for the following 2 weeks by the Tennis Pro. If any group is unable to play at its assigned time, the COURT CAPTAIN must inform the Tennis Pro of that fact by telephone or in person with ample advance notice.
- DRESS CODE: Proper tennis shoes suitable for the Har-Tru surface must be worn at all times to preserve the courts; shoes must have flat bottom soles with no projections or bumps. Basketball, cross-training, running shoes or any footwear with deep grooves are not acceptable. Shirts must be worn at all times. Tank tops for men are not acceptable; however, finished sleeveless shirts are acceptable.
- TENNIS ETIQUETTE: Proper tennis etiquette and sportsmanship on the part of all players is required for everyone's enjoyment on or near the tennis courts. The following should be adhered to at all times:

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- Players should not infringe on adjacent courts to retrieve a stray ball during play.
- A ball from an adjacent court should not be returned until someone is ready to receive it.
- Players must wait until a point is over before requesting a ball be returned to them.
- Players should enter an assigned court by the appropriate gate.
- For safety reasons, if an errant ball enters an adjacent court any player should immediately warn the group.
- Racquet throwing, ball smashing or hitting the net or fences with a racquet will not be tolerated.
- Reasonable quiet on and near the courts is required during regular play and absolute quiet is required during tournament matches.
- Loud, offensive and/or abusive language or a breach of tennis etiquette will not be tolerated at any time on or near the courts during regular and tournament play.
- If there is a breach of etiquette during tournament play, the team captain should speak to the offender(s). If unsuccessful, the Tennis Pro will not permit play by the offender in the next team match for the first offense. Subsequent offenses shall result in suspension from league play.
- Players must clear their court area of all of their possessions and trash. The HOA is not responsible for items left behind.
- Cell phones must be turned off during team matches.
- SMOKING is not permitted near the tennis courts or pro shop.

Each player is expected to become familiar with The Club Tennis Rules and Regulations and abide by them. In the case of a first violation by a player, the Tennis Pro will issue a warning. Failure to comply after the warning may result in appropriate disciplinary action by the HOA.

- COMPLAINTS BY RESIDENTS OR MEMBERS: If any Member or Resident has a complaint concerning anything relating to tennis at The Club, the following protocol should be followed:
  - The Tennis Pro should be informed.
  - If a follow-up is required, a complaint form, which can be obtained from the office of the Tennis Pro, should be completed and delivered to the Property Manager.
  - Oral complaints will not be considered.
- o FOUL WEATHER RULES (SPECIAL SITUATIONS): If any or all courts are closed or starting times delayed due to unplayable conditions, players must keep to their original assigned schedule. If courts are closed due to weather conditions, Court Closed signs will be posted or the Pro will notify players and no play will be allowed as damage to the courts and/or injury to players can occur during inclement weather. The Tennis Pro, or in the absence of the Pro, a Board member or the Board's designee, will evaluate the courts to determine when courts are playable or non-playable. Court Closed signs will only be removed once play may resume.

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- TENNIS EVENTS: The Tennis Pro, in conjunction with Tennis Coordinator, when applicable, may schedule INTERNAL EVENTS such as Round Robins, Ladder Events, etc., but not in prime time unless an exception is made at the discretion of the Tennis Pro.
- o **TEAM PLAY:** Information is available with the Tennis Pro.