

Bright Water Tennis Rules & Regulations

Last updated August 3, 2017

NOTE: All the board-approved rules and regulations posted here must be complied with. Failure to do so may result in loss of tennis privileges.

Change History

- **December 11, 2017:** Team Regulations, item #2 has been updated to allow a team with a Home match to use all 4 courts starting at their league match start time only if they are the only team that is scheduled home that day. All 4 courts are allowed to be utilized until the entire match is completed.
- **August 3, 2017:** The 50% resident team composition rule has been changed to 25%. The outsider fees are changed to include a \$70 cap/per year for non-residents that play on multiple Bright Water Teams. Captains must be a Bright Water Resident.
- **June 10, 2013:** Third court allowed for team matches if available within 24 hours of start time. Team practice times defined for new and existing teams.
- **May 22, 2012:** Team practice rules defined; new players must be accepted up to roster deadline; all players on roster can expect to play; evening matches can play one match on a third court.
- **August 9, 2011:** Team roster rule changes; increase outside player limits; remove exception process. Miscellaneous changes to bring current.
- **February 11, 2011:** Reservation rule changes.

Tennis Courts

Hours of Operation

Hours for tennis court usage are from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily.

Court Reservations

- Courts are available on a first-come, first-served basis using the online reservation system at www.reservemycourt.com. Only Bright Water residents in good standing on their HOA dues may use the reservation system.
- Courts may be reserved up to seven days in advance. **Up to two courts per family may be signed up per day, one of which can be in prime time.**
- Play should be limited to one and one-half hours. If no one is waiting to use the court, play may continue. Be sure to always sign up before you begin to play. **Court time will be forfeited if play has not begun within 15 minutes of start time.**
- **Completion of scheduled team league matches (ALTA/USTA) takes precedence over recreational play, and may bump a recreational reservation in order to stay within league regulations on pre-assigned courts only.**
- **Flex-league matches (e.g. T2, Ultimate Tennis) may stay on the courts for an additional 30 minutes if needed to complete a match, but after that time must relinquish the court if another player has it reserved.** Players must inform their opponents of this time constraint and, as per league

rules, play a tie breaker instead of a third set. The Tennis Committee also requests that where possible matches are scheduled during non prime time.

- Prime time (adults only, 18 years and older) is from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- A child may play with an adult resident during prime time. A child may play an organized league match (e.g. T2) during prime time. If no adult is present and not playing an organized match, children may use the court during prime time, but must surrender the court if a group of adults wishes to play.
- Please exercise courtesy to others and try not to book courts for lessons or ball machine usage next to those used for an official match. When booking a court for a lesson or ball machine, please note this fact in the comments section.

Regulations

- Only flat sole tennis shoes may be worn on the court. No black sole shoes allowed.
- Metal rackets should have guards for protection of court surfaces.
- Players must exhibit proper sportsmanship, e.g., no throwing of rackets and no profanity.
- No one other than the actual players may be inside the fenced area. Those waiting to play, spectators and children must stay outside the fenced area.
- No pets, chairs, stools, furniture, baby strollers, playpens or baby beds are allowed inside the fenced area.
- No food, glass containers or beverages may be taken inside the fenced area, except water or sport drinks in non-breakable containers.
- Jumping and swinging on the nets and/or fence is prohibited.
- Place all trash in proper receptacles.
- No smoking inside the court fences.
- **Courts are for tennis only! Bikes, skates or other activities are prohibited on the court.**

Guest Privileges

- Guests are permitted, when accompanied by an association member, to utilize the tennis facilities at any time during normal tennis hours.
- Excessive use of the guest privileges will result in restriction of them. **PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE**

The only way these rules can be effective is for everyone to be fair and honest as well as courteous in the use of our courts. We encourage your cooperation.

Parents - Please be sure to go over these rules with your children so there will be no misunderstanding. Parents will be responsible for any damage done by their children while on the court.

Tennis Teams

The Bright Water Tennis Committee, with the approval of the HOA board, has established the following regulations for teams. These guidelines were instituted to ensure that Bright Water maintains a spirit of community tennis.

Leagues

1. Every league (defined as Men, Sunday Women, Thursday Women, Mixed Doubles, Seniors and Juniors) can have a maximum of 4 teams per league (this is considered full capacity).
2. Each team must strictly adhere to the team composition rules listed below. Any team in violation of these rules may have their facilities privileges revoked immediately.
3. New teams MUST give 30 days' notice prior to roster due date, so that Tennis Committee approval can be given.

Team Composition

The aim of the team composition rules is to ensure access to teams by Bright Water residents. The rules recognize that teams may need to include non-resident players in order to fill a roster, but the use of such players must not be detrimental to Bright Water residents.

Each team reserves the right to determine team size and makeup, as long as they are in full compliance with EACH individual team composition rule.

1. All adult teams must contain a **minimum** of 25% current Bright Water residents in good standing. A resident must be listed as Captain on all teams. A non-resident may be listed as Co-Captain.
2. The Tennis Committee may set lower limits on non-residents for a league at full capacity. Such a designation will be made if Bright Water residents find that their opportunity to play is limited.
3. Any team consisting solely of residents can declare itself full when its roster is at 16 for leagues of three teams or fewer. Teams in leagues which are at full capacity (currently ALTA Men's), can never declare themselves full. The captain must notify the Tennis Committee in writing to be declared officially full, and is not permitted to add members after that point. The Tennis Committee will maintain a waiting list, and should the team fall under the prescribed limit, they must offer open spots to waiting list members first in order of time on list.
4. A listing of all teams will be maintained on the Bright Water web site. Teams not declared full are required to offer a roster spot to any resident who requests to be on the team prior to the roster submission date and who plays within a 8 point value range of their final level (i.e. B3 team range is A4 to C2), unless the player or players in question will raise their total team level by more than one based on the ALTA value chart. All players who desire to play and are available should be selected to play some matches.
5. Residents who sell their homes after the roster deadline may finish out the season; however for the following season they are considered non-residents.

Team Regulations

1. Issues that are not dictated by the Tennis Committee but are left to a vote should be voted on by the entire team, and any member who cannot be present should be called for his/her vote. Whether non-residents are counted in the vote is each team's decision. Active participation is required of all resident team members either via phone or email so that all are aware of any changes the team chooses to make.

If problems arise, please immediately contact the Tennis Committee.

2. Each team will be allocated two courts for each home match. If a team is home by themselves with no other team scheduled, then that team is allocated 4 courts for their match at the start of their league start time until match completion.
3. If you have a rainout, YOU are responsible to sign up for a make-up match. The captain can contact the administrator of the tennis reservation system to be assigned extra privileges to help with making court reservations. Only one court per match may be reserved. Please understand that other people may play next to you during your match.
4. If a team should split into 2 teams, the team with the majority of returning Bright Water players will be considered the existing team. If there are an equal number of returners on both teams, then the team that “moves up” is considered the existing team. This rule applies to both Juniors and Adults. Any player already on the team has the right to move up with the team or choose to go with another team.
5. Bright Water players and spectators need to be aware that we represent our community to others, and good sportsmanship is expected.
6. Non-resident team players are only permitted to use the courts on practice day and match day. Visiting teams, their spectators and their children are NOT authorized to use the swim facilities at Bright Water.

Team Practices

1. Each team may have two courts reserved once per week for practice. There is no limit to how early a team may start practice, but a team that is still in the playoffs gets priority over a team starting practice for a new season.
2. Practice times will be determined from time to time when decided by the Tennis Committee. Practice times will be determined by discussion with the captains, and a lottery held if available times can not be otherwise agreed upon by new teams. A team’s practice time may remain the same as long as that team is in existence.
3. Two courts will always be kept available for recreational play – two teams may not practice at the same time and one team may not use more than two courts.
4. Teams may reschedule a practice that is rained out as long as it is not at the same time as another team, thereby using more than two courts. However, if matches have also been rained out such that there is high demand for courts for make-ups, the matches get priority over practices.

Tennis Captain Responsibilities

1. Tennis Committee approval is required for any new tennis team (USTA, Mixed, ALTA or Jr. Team). Tennis Committee members can be located on the Bright Water web site. See **Team Composition** for further clarification.
2. A copy of the league-generated roster (with non-residents highlighted), the team schedule, and non-resident member dues -\$35.00 per person/per team/per season OR \$70 per player/per year. **MUST** be turned in to the Tennis Committee before the season starts. All non-resident member dues are required before the first official match. If dues are not paid, that player is not able to play any match. All non-resident players must pay the fee, even if they only play away matches. Exception: a player may be added to the roster to avoid a default without that player having to pay the non-resident player fee, but the fee is due before that player can play any further matches. **PLEASE NOTE: Failure to do any of the above by the first match date may result in forfeiture of practice time.**
3. If you need to schedule a make-up match for whatever the reason, please be sure you allow enough time to complete the match. It is the individual team’s responsibility to ensure an open court is available.

make-up ALTA/USTA match has priority, and if it exceeds the allotted time frame it is allowed to continue even when the court has been reserved, in order to complete the match. Notify the Tennis Committee if your team is in the playoffs to request additional court time, if needed.

Match Day Responsibilities

1. Empty Tidi-Court trashcans on each court after final match is completed. Dispose of used tennis balls properly.
2. Pick up all trash around picnic tables.
3. Empty all trashcans on match day and practice day if necessary, and tie up trash bags and place in large trash containers beside the bike rack. Extra trash bags should be under the trash bag in the cans or in the men's bathroom. If not please notify the property manager or a Tennis Committee member. Take full recycle bins to the trash container area.
4. Empty trash in both bathrooms and check that sinks and toilets are clean. If supplies are needed, please replace them. Lock both pool bathrooms.
5. Return all chairs to the men's bathroom and lock the gate.
6. Turn off all lights if nobody is waiting to use the courts.

Junior Rules

Because ALTA/USTA force juniors to move up with age, the committee has established the following rules:

1. Minimum Full number for Junior teams is 12 (fewer than required for adult teams, as only 6 juniors play each week).
2. The team that has the majority of Bright Water-resident returning players is considered the existing team when part of a team "moves up" because of age. If there should be an equal number of returnees on both teams, then the team that "moves up" is considered the existing team. The other team will be considered the "new" team and must get committee approval.
3. Each child already on an existing team will be allowed to move up with the team if the child so desires.
4. Junior Fees are \$15 per season/per player/per team.