



Winter Rules and Regulations

October 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019

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The RTC is for the enjoyment and benefit of all members and guests.

Common Sense and Courtesy are all that is required.

Definitions:

1. Annual Membership covers play on outdoor courts throughout the whole year.
2. Indoor Playing Privileges (IPP) may be acquired by an Annual Member permitting them to play on courts inside the bubble.
3. Summer Season runs from April 1 through September 30.
4. Summer rules apply on all courts whether or not the bubble is still up during the summer season.
5. Winter Season runs from October 1 through March 31.
6. Intermediate Members are members aged between 19 and 26 with defined playing privileges.
7. Junior Members are members aged between 6 and 18 with defined playing privileges.
8. The Public are Non- Members who may rent courts inside the bubble during the Winter Season.
9. Non-playing members - also known as Inactive Members - are members who temporarily wish to renounce playing privileges but who wish to maintain their membership of the RTC.

General:

1. Leave clubhouse lights on at night and ensure side gate is closed for security when leaving the premises.
2. Wear proper tennis attire & non-marking tennis shoes on the court.
3. Keep the noise down especially in the bubble.
4. Enter and leave the court together as an orderly group.
5. Turn off cell phones while on the court.
6. Do not spit.
7. No food or beverage courtside other than water/sports drinks in sealed containers.
8. Note the number on your tennis balls so that you may track them in the event they go onto another court.
9. If your ball goes onto an adjacent court wait for a break in play before asking for its return.
10. Return balls from other courts during a break in their play.
11. Spectators are not permitted courtside.
12. No booking preference given between doubles and singles.
13. Coaching only by club approved coaches.
14. Members may be instructed by a club approved coach in their standard booking time.
15. Guests must play with their host who is responsible for payment of the guest fee.
16. Children 9 and under must be accompanied by and supervised by an adult at all times.
17. No pets permitted on the premises.
18. All RTC equipment must stay on the premises.
19. Members of the office staff are not expected to interpret the rules.
20. Report any infraction of the rules - in writing - to the Office or to a Board Member.
21. Do not attempt to handle infractions other than to refer to the applicable rule.
22. Ball machine may be used on Court 5 only (fee \$10) when no one is waiting for a court and when the office is open.

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Guests:

1. Guest fee is \$10 per day per guest regardless of age.
2. Members may host guests up to 12 times in any one season. (For clarity: The same guest 12 times or 12 different guests one time or any combination thereof.)
3. Members may host up to 3 guests at any one time. (i.e. 3 guest times)
4. Only Members with IPP may host guests inside the bubble.
5. No one guest may play more than 12 times in each of the winter and summer seasons.
6. Hosts are responsible for payment of guest fees.
7. Junior members may play as a guest but may not bring a guest.
8. Non playing members (Inactive) may play as a guest.
9. Annual members, without IPP, may play as a guest on indoor courts.
10. Guests may play Social only if they are not playing on a booked court the same day.

Social Play:

1. Pre-arranged games are not permitted.
2. Players must mix. It is not social to play with the same people throughout unless there is no other player waiting.
3. No person under the age of 18 may play social other than a Junior who has been granted adult playing privileges.
4. Intermediates may play Social having paid the guest fee.
5. Each player must sign up for themselves and only for themselves.
6. Sessions run for 30 minutes and no current player may sign up until the end of their 30 minute session.
7. Players with a court booking on that day may not play Social.

Free Court:

1. A "free court" is a court:
 - a. not booked one hour prior to the start of any reservation period;
 - b. not claimed by the booked players within 15 minutes of start time;

Note: Any Full Member or Intermediate Member may book a free court within one hour of that courts availability. First come first served. No charge.

Intermediate Members:

1. Have full outdoor playing privileges.
2. May book an indoor court along with any other member, after 7 p.m. the day before, for a fee of \$10.
3. May book an available free court 1 hour in advance with any Adult or Intermediate member at no charge.
4. May join as the 4th player on a booking (for a fee of \$10) which will not count as a guest visit.
5. May join any member who has booked a court with the ball machine.
6. May play indoor social for a fee of \$10.
7. May gain Indoor Playing Privileges (IPP) on payment of all applicable fees and dues.

Indoor Tennis

Reservations

1. Reservation system is in place for all play in the bubble.
2. Times when courts are available or are blocked (for Coaching, Social, Tournaments etc.,) are detailed on the web site. (richmondtennisclub.com)
3. Reservations may be made on-line or by telephone when the office is open. (richmondtennisclub.com / 604-273-3631)
4. Two names are required to hold a reservation both of whom must intend to play.
5. Four names are required to hold a two hour reservation. (2 x 60 minutes) None of these four names may hold another reservation at the same time. All names of players must be of members who intend to play.
6. Only one reservation may be held by a member at any one time and until that reservation is used or cancelled that member may not play except on a free court. **Exception:** The 4th person in a doubles booking may have an advance booking; however they cannot add their name at check-in and then also book a court.
7. All players related to a reservation must check in prior to playing.
8. Members with IPP (See "Definition" Page 2) are restricted from booking or playing on any public paid court booking.

Cancellations

1. Reservation cancellations must be made as soon as possible
2. Any player who cancels a court may not play on that court; at the same time, as a new booking ,as a free court or in making up doubles.
3. One player may be cancelled and replaced by another eligible player given a valid reason.
4. Failure to provide a valid reason for the replacement of a player may result in that court being cancelled.
5. Valid reasons could include sickness, accident and/or unexpected work commitment and such reason will be noted when a replacement takes place.
6. Members of the office staff are not required to interpret rules.

Outdoor Tennis

1. Players must sign up on an available court or on the waiting list.
2. Any court may be claimed only if and when at least two players are on the RTC premises.
3. A single member may sign up but cannot claim a court with other members who have just finished playing. If they chose to do so they must all sign up at the bottom of the waiting list.
4. Names of players and the time they claim the court must be entered on the whiteboard.
5. Court times entered may not be renewed or amended until the full 45 minutes has elapsed even if there is no other player on the waiting list.
6. On renewal cross out the old time (do not erase) and write in the new time.
7. Playing time is 45 minutes.
8. A player may not switch between regular courts and social courts while social tennis is being played .
9. There is no preference given to doubles players over singles players.
10. Players vacating a court and wishing to play again must put their names on the bottom of the waiting list. However, they can join two members already on the waiting list for doubles if invited.
11. Do not erase names or times of any group other than your own.
12. On finishing play erase your names and times from the whiteboard.
13. When multiple groups of players sign up at the same time:
 - a. The first group is marked with an 'A'; the second 'B' etc.
 - b. After 45 minutes group marked 'A' has first preference; then 'B' etc.
 - c. The same will apply if the groups rejoin the waiting list.
14. When courts need squeegeeing players will squeegee a court for their own use and **not** wait to play on a court that has already been squeegeed.

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Junior Members:

1. Junior membership applies to players from 6 to 18 years of age.
2. Junior court use permitted as follows:

Outdoor Courts: (All year)

Note: While bubble is up only courts 1 & 2 are available. Bubble covers courts 3, 4 & 5 and is normally up from mid- Sept thru mid-Apr		
October 1 – March 31	At any time	
April 1 – September 30	Mon – Fri	Noon – 5 p.m.
	Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	From 3 p.m. onwards
July & August	Tue & Thu	From 8 – 10 p.m.
Juniors may claim a court by writing their names and times on the sign up board. If all courts are in use they sign their names on the waiting list.		

Indoor Courts (October 1 to March 31)

1. Bookings can be made:
 - a. For the next day starting at 7pm the day before for a court fee of \$10 per junior (max. \$20 per court.) These are considered “Jr Claimed Courts” and may include a club approved coach, or a parent who is a member, and treated as a free court for that member.
 - b. On an indoor “free” court 60 mins. prior to the court time for a fee of \$10.
2. Juniors may book and pay for Public Court time with other Junior or Intermediate members or club approved coaches.

Junior Rules:

1. Children 9 and under must be accompanied by and supervised by an adult at all times.
2. Playing time on outdoor courts is 45 minutes.
3. Courts may not be booked if Gold Star lessons or special events are taking place.
4. Juniors may not bring guests to the club.
5. Whenever junior activities are scheduled on designated courts, the remaining courts are adult preference. Juniors may play on these courts if they are empty but must vacate if adults arrive.
6. Adult Playing Privileges may be granted to a junior at the discretion of the Board.
7. Wear proper tennis attire & non-marking tennis shoes on the court.
8. Keep the noise down in the bubble and enter and leave the court together as an orderly group.
9. **Turn off cell phones while on the court.**
10. **No food or beverage courtside other than water/sports drinks in sealed containers.**

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Public:

General

1. Members of the public may book public courts between Oct.01 and Mar.31 at times designated by the Board.
2. Courts may be booked 7 days in advance by calling the office at 604-273-3631.
3. Only one booking may be held at any one time.
4. RTC members with full Indoor Playing Privileges are not permitted to play on a public paid court.
5. Names of all players must be provided at time of booking.
6. Court rental may be renewed after play if any court is available.

Rules

1. Do not go into the bubble until the actual time of your booking. The opening and closing of the doors is very distracting to players on the court.
2. Wait by the inner door until there is a break in play before proceeding to your court.
3. When entering and leaving the bubble make sure the inner door is securely closed behind you.
4. Wear proper tennis attire and non-marking tennis shoes while playing.
5. Keep the noise down in the bubble.
6. Turn off all cell phones while on the court.
7. Enter and leave the court together as an orderly group.
8. Note the number on your tennis balls so that you may track them in the event they go into another court.
9. If your ball goes onto an adjacent court wait for a break in play before asking for its return.
10. Return balls from other courts during a break in their play.
11. Spectators are not permitted courtside.
12. Coaching by club approved coaches only.
13. When time is up please leave the court promptly.

Please enjoy playing at the RTC

Contact the office for future bookings

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