

Vinings Estates Community Association Tennis Rules January 2017

General Rules

Only full members of the Vinings Estates Community Association (Vinings Estates) and their guests are eligible for tennis privileges. Resident non-members and associate members are not eligible for tennis privileges.

Guests playing tennis must have a member present when they play. Only one court can be occupied by guests at a given time.

Court hours are 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. daily.

No food allowed on courts. Drinks should be in plastic containers, no glass allowed.

No smoking on tennis courts or in tennis pavilion.

It is the responsibility of the last players to leave the courts to lock both gates and secure the pool entrance door (if bathrooms were used), turn off court lights (if used) and empty courtside trash cans.

Only tennis shoes are allowed on courts.

No pets, music, bikes, skates, skateboards, soccer matches, etc. allowed on courts. No climbing the fence. Parents must enforce this rule with children.

Avoid shouting, boisterous conduct, loud or profane language.

League tennis refers to ALTA or USTA team tennis.

Court Reservation Procedure

Courts may be reserved a maximum of seven days in advance

Courts can be reserved for a maximum of 1½ hours at a time.

A non-occupied reserved court will be defaulted fifteen minutes after the scheduled reservation.

Minimum age for reserving a court is 13 years old.

The same players may not sign up for two consecutive time slots.

All scheduled league practices and matches take precedence over other play. Only match play can take place on the courts when a match is in progress – that is, a vacant

court must remain vacant other than for match play when a match is in progress on the other court.

Rainouts and other league makeup matches should be coordinated with the practice schedule, using the rained-out team's practice night if possible. It is the responsibility of the rained-out team's captain to reserve courts for makeup matches and to coordinate with other captains if a 'practice night swap' is needed. If captains are not able to work out an arrangement, the Tennis Committee (court reservation volunteer) should facilitate.

Non-league matches, e.g. T2 or K-Swiss, may be played on Vinings Estates courts provided reservation of such allows a minimum two-hour window prior to the start of a league practice or match. Example: An ALTA team practice time begins at 6:30 p.m. On that day, the latest a non-league match can begin is 4:30 p.m.

If a non-league match (e.g. T2 or K-Swiss) extends to the time that a league practice or match is scheduled to start, the match 'in play' must halt upon the arrival at the court of at least two (2) of the league players. The Vinings Estates league players MAY agree to allow the T2 or K-Swiss players to complete their match should it appear that the match would soon be over. (e.g. an extra 10-15 minutes may be allowed.) Courts must be signed up each time you play regardless of whether they are empty or not. Failure to do so may result in loss of the court.

League Play

Captains of a Vinings Estates league team must be members of Vinings Estates Community Association (Vinings Estates).

All Vinings Estates full members are eligible to play on a neighborhood league team providing their participation on the team does not change the team's flight. Exception to this rule can be made if at least 50% of members of affected team are willing to accept the level change.

Vinings Estates teams must be comprised of a majority (over 50%) of full members. Residents of Vinings Estates who are not full members of Vinings Estates are not eligible to play on Vinings Estates teams. Any other non-members will be charged a fee of \$35 per season or \$135 per year to play on a Vinings Estates teams.

All outside fees are to be collected by the team captain and given to the Management office before the first official match of the season.

If outside fees are not collected by that time outside members are not eligible to play and must sit out until they pay. The non-member fee of \$35 per season allows playing multiple leagues per season. For example, a non-member playing ALTA Summer Senior Women's, ALTA Summer Mixed Doubles, and USTA Business Women's Doubles pays only \$35 for all three leagues that season.

Division/City Final winners:

If a league team wins their division it is the responsibility of that team and NOT Vinings Estates tennis to purchase the division winner sign.

If a league team goes on to City Finals or wins City Finals, the finals signs will be purchased by Vinings Estates tennis.