



**Valley Forge Mountain
Racquet Club, Inc.**

PO Box 114
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania 19481

TENNIS CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS

(2010 Season)

Court Hours: Dawn to Dusk (April through October)

Guest fees are on the honor system and may be paid to the Treasurer directly or c/o our Post Office Box.
(Douglas Moeller - 610-783-6301)
(\$8/person/day - total visits, same person limited to 5.)

Proper tennis attire must be worn at all times
Shorts, Shirts, Socks and flat-soled Tennis Shoes required.
Swimsuits, running shoes, and heavily treaded shoes are prohibited.

1. Only Members and their guests may play on the courts. Guest fees should be paid to the Treasurer c/o our Post Office Box (or directly to Douglas Moeller 610-783-6301). Guest fees are \$8/person/day; limit 5 visits for the same person.
2. Proper tennis attire must be worn at all times; shorts, socks, shirts and tennis shoes.
 - a. Swimsuits, running shoes, and heavily-treaded shoes are prohibited.
3. When players are waiting, "Reservation Play" will consist of 1 hour for singles and 1-1 ½ hours for doubles.
4. Children < 12 years are not allowed inside the courts unless accompanied by an instructor, parent, or adult.
5. Our Professional Tennis Instructor(s) may reserve one court for Tennis Instructional Programs at any time. Block scheduling for special events, classes/clinics, etc, should be scheduled in advance by talking with a Board Member.
6. Access to the courts may occur through either the East or West Gate. The same combination will open either padlock and is subject to change from time to time. Please be sure to lock all gates when you leave.
7. Any current member, in good standing, will receive a \$25.00 reduction in membership dues, applied to the following year, for EACH new member recruited to the Club, provided that each of the following is true:
 - At the time of application, the new member identifies the referring member, in writing, on the new membership application.
 - The Treasurer of VFMRC shall have discretion in determining the allocation of the Award, in the event of competing claims, or questionable circumstances. Any decision by the Treasurer may be appealed, in writing, to the Board.

PRIVATE CLUB: COURTS ARE FOR THE USE OF MEMBERS ONLY

- Members of the Club from the prior season, who are simply delinquent in paying their current season dues, will not be considered New Members for the purpose of this rule.
- The total number of Awards to a current member shall not exceed the total amount of the Annual Membership dues.
- This policy may be rescinded, at any future time, by resolution of the Board of Directors, without advance notice.

COURT RESERVATION PROCEDURES

1. A court may be reserved using the online reservation system www.VFMRC.org.
2. Please list two (2) names and a phone number to reserve a court.
3. Please cancel a reservation if you cannot play at your reserved time.
4. Courts will be held for only ten (10) minutes after a reserved time.

COURT MAINTENANCE

1. Please sweep the court after play - in addition to cleaning court lines - as a courtesy to the next group. The appropriate brushes (see below) should be replaced on the fence between courts after use.
2. After a light rain, it may be possible to resume play immediately. After heavy rains, especially during the first month of the season, the court surface may become softened by the rain. Additional rolling and several hours of drying time may be necessary before play can resume. If you begin play after a rain and the surface begins to "clump up," stick to your shoes, and otherwise appear disturbed, please use common sense and return at a later time after drying has occurred!
3. Court Tools:

Aussie Sweep: This is the 4' x 10' green plastic drag "rake" hanging on the center fence pole at the east end of the courts. It is used to "lift" and remove leaves and particulate matter from the court surface. It is used with the "teeth" facing front and down, and is "emptied" after use -- by picking up the "loaded" rake, carrying it carefully out a gate and shaking it out (usually outside the West Gate; please do not shake it out over the gravel entrance walk!). Please use additional care when crossing the tape lines, because the teeth may catch on the tape edges, dislodging the tape (pulling the Aussie sweep at an angle across the tape lines tends to prevent the teeth from catching in the tape).

Drag Brooms: May be hung anywhere on the interior fence (there are hooks on the broom handles for this purpose). As the name suggests, the operator positions himself or herself between the handles and pulls the broom from one side of the court to the other (one may either sweep "with" the court or "across" the court, traveling back and forth, allowing room at the end of each direction for a 180° arc turn of the broom at the end of each pass. On the final pass, lift the broom from the ground, while still moving forward, to avoid leaving behind a "ridge" of granules.

Line Sweeper: The line brush is pushed along each of the tape surfaces after the courts have been brushed. They may be hung, by the handle, anywhere on the fence when not in use.

AUTOMOBILE ACCESS to the CLUB

Please be aware that Horseshoe Trail (road), immediately west of the Club, between VFMRC and Diamond Rock Road is a private road with respect to automobile traffic. Please use Forge Mountain Drive to reach the Club. (Horseshoe Trail is a Public Access trail for horses, bicycles and pedestrians.)

PREVAILING TENNIS RULES

1. Unless agreed upon otherwise (in advance), the Official Rules of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) shall govern play. In the event that a dispute regarding the Club Rules and Regulations occurs while a Professional Tennis Instructor is on site, the judgment of that instructor shall determine the immediate course of action. An appeal of such any such ruling (or other dispute) and/or a request for a change in the rules should be submitted in writing to the Club President.

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**Please report any problems with the courts/grounds
or
Problems / Violations with the Court Reservation process
to
Doug Moeller
610.783.6301
DouglasMoeller@aol.com.**