

# ASHTON WOOD SWIM & TENNIS CLUB

## TENNIS RULES - 2023

It is the intent of the Swim and Tennis Committee to provide for the maximum usage of the tennis courts in the fairest manner so that all members of the Ashton Wood Swim and Tennis Club have an equal opportunity to play tennis. It should be clear that the Club cannot and will not attempt to make a rule for every situation. We ask all member tennis players to read, understand and follow the rules of the Club in the spirit of fair play and sportsmanship. It is the members' responsibility to inform their children and guests of these rules and be accountable for their actions. The Board of Directors has the authority to make, amend and enforce rules and regulations. The Swim and Tennis Committee has immediate authority to enforce rules and regulations. To preserve the rights of all players, infractions of these rules must be reported to members of the Swim and Tennis Committee.

Tennis court availability is handled by first come first serve basis. We no longer use the Reserve My Court service. Please follow the instructions you received in your annual tennis membership letter. Please be considerate of others in the length of time that you utilize the court.

### **2023 GENERAL RULES:**

1. The tennis courts are for the use of Ashton Wood Swim & Tennis Club members.
2. Players already on the court take priority over walk-up players.
3. Proper tennis shoes must be worn. Even with the best court surface, improper footwear can easily mar the surface. The court is made of a relatively soft material designed to cushion the legs of the players and provide a consistent bounce to the tennis ball.
4. Racquets and other equipment with design features that could damage the surface are not permitted (for same reasons stated in Rule #3).
5. Players should wear appropriate clothing while playing on the courts.
6. Only players should be on the tennis courts; no spectators, toddlers, small children or pets. Children and spectators are also not permitted to stand on the apron outside the fence or hang on the fence. In consideration and common courtesy of others, please do not use audio equipment at tennis courts.
7. No food or beverage other than water (no sports drinks, tea, soft drinks, etc.) and no glass containers are permitted inside the fence of the courts. There are no trash containers at the tennis courts, so please take any trash, litter, etc. with you when you leave. (Particular attention should be given to removing all tennis ball cans and can lids from the courts upon completion of play.) No gum chewing. No smoking inside the fenced areas of courts.
8. No bicycles, riding toys, stroller, skates, skateboards or similar items are permitted inside the fence (See Rule #3 for reason).

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9. The courts must remain locked when not in use. When unlocking the courts, please roll the combination lock to erase the code for safety and security. If you are the last person to leave, please secure the gate and ensure the combination lock is properly latched. When playing tennis at night, please make sure you turn off the lights when you leave.
10. Tennis courts will be open at 8:00 am and will be closed at 10:00 pm. There is to be no tennis playing other than at these times. The courts are open 7 days a week.
11. Courts can be closed by HOA for maintenance update, which will be posted on the gate.
12. Any vandalism will be prosecuted, and parents will be held responsible for the actions of their children.
13. The Swim & Tennis Committee and AWA Board shall have the authority to interpret the rules, resolve disputes involving the rules, determine abuse of the rules, and impose sanctions for violations of the rules.
14. The Swim & Tennis Committee shall have the authority to submit for Board of Directors' approval additional rules or necessary changes to the rules.
15. Any questions concerning these rules and regulations may be directed to the Swim & Tennis Committee chairperson or any AWA Board member. Contact information for the Swim & Tennis Committee chairperson and board members is posted on the AWA website [www.ashtonwoodhoa.org](http://www.ashtonwoodhoa.org).