

GARDEN CITY CASINO 2019

Tennis Rules and Guidelines

GC Casino Tennis Program

Administrative Team: Tennis Chairs: Loretta Marcoux and Jeff Siler and the GC Casino Tennis Committee

Tennis Committee Members:

Administrative and Mixed Round Robin-Meihwa Lin

Tennis Social Events- Eileen Coffey, Lori Rubino, Gerrie Trapani, Kim Tobin, Jennifer Finley-Volk and **Peggy Volz**

Women's Team Coordinator-Eileen Valente

Director, Women's Tournaments-Cathy Guida

Grounds Manager - Tom McGerty

Junior Program – **Bob Kessler**

Roles and Responsibilities:

Tennis Chairs: Responsible for the strategic planning and administration of the annual Tennis Program. They Chair the Tennis Committee and together they enforce the tennis rules and guidelines listed in this document.

Grounds Manager: Responsible for the care and maintenance of the tennis courts to accommodate the Tennis Program. Reports directly to the Tennis Chairs and the President of the Board of Governors. The Tennis Assistants report directly to the Grounds Manager.

Perform Court Maintenance which includes watering, rolling, maintaining tapes, nets, etc. Every Day between 12:40pm – 2:00pm. Court closing decisions will be made only by the Court Manager and or the Tennis Chairs or named Tennis Committee member. Members will be notified if there is an unscheduled court closing via email and as well as posting on the Outdoor Patio Bulletin Board.

***** Please note that members are expected to assist in keeping the tennis area clean.**

- Actively remove and clean up anything that detracts from the Court areas, including but not limited to cups, glasses, cans, food, balls etc.
- Make balls available for membership to purchase. Members must sign to accept the ball charge to their account
- Maintain and clean the areas surrounding the courts
- Retrieve and replace ball machine at request of Members wishing to use it.
- Assist with the Junior Development Program.
- Assist Chairpersons with Tournaments and Matches
- Be available on Wednesday and scheduled Thursday evenings for doubles cookouts and assist in providing food and beverages. Ensure sign in sheet is signed by Members attending.
- Be available for Friday Round Robin events.

All assistants will be required to wear appropriate tennis attire if they plan to use the tennis courts, when available.

The Clubhouse (Main Building) will remain open to Members until at least 6:30 pm every night. The Grounds Manager will ensure that a person of responsibility is on hand to “lock up” at appropriate times.

Members of the Board of Governors and the Tennis Committee have the authority to enforce tennis rules and regulations concerning guests, dress code and conduct, and may direct violators to leave the courts.

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Introduction: The Casino offers a wide variety of tennis activities for all ages including: a Junior Program, Tournament play for all members, Team tennis for men and women who compete throughout Long Island in inter-club matches, Social Tennis Round Robins and other Special Events.

Please refer to the Casino website **TheGardenCityCasino.com** which will contain all the information listed below. In addition these rules will be available at the Casino on the Bulletin Board located inside the Club House. If you have any questions please direct them to the Tennis Chairs: Loretta Marcoux and Jeff Siler. Check the Casino Directory for contact information. The Courts are managed by our Grounds Manager, Tom McGerty and he reports directly to the Tennis Chairs and the Board of Governors, President Patrick McNamara. These rules will be enforced by the Tennis Chairs and the Tennis Committee and The Board of Governors and will be strictly enforced. All members are expected to follow them.

A) Hours of Play

Court Opening: The Courts are open daily from sunrise to approximately 30 minutes before sunset unless otherwise posted by the Grounds Manager. The weekly schedule of tennis activities will be posted on the Board on the outdoor patio. Members should refer to it daily as sometimes the scheduled activities may change.

Court Closing: The Courts will be closed from 12:40 pm until 2:00 pm everyday 7 days a week. The time is subject to change to prepare courts to accommodate tennis events such as on:

- (a) Fridays when Round Robins are held, about 4:00-5:00 pm
- (b) on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, or later in the day subject to the Grounds Manager's discretion. Court closure time can take place upon the recommendation of the Grounds Manager and the Tennis Chairs.

The membership will be notified and it will be posted on our Bulletin Board. Only the Grounds Manager authorized by the Tennis Chairs, may put the courts back in service. We ask that Casino members alert the Tennis Chairs rather than attempting to rectify problems with the courts themselves. All members should use proper judgment when playing on the courts at the Casino. Please advise the Tennis Chairs if you suspect that there is a problem with court playability. This action will avoid damage to the courts which can put the courts out of service for a prolonged period of time.

B) Sign-up Procedures

1. General guidelines for signing up for court play

Before going onto a court, all players must be present and they have signed up on the sign-up board below the court number, indicating the time (using the Casino Clock) that they started. They must record the starting time which will entitle them to 1 full hour of play. **Once a court is occupied, a starting time may not be changed.** If two players start and are joined by a third and/or fourth, the initial time stands. Furthermore, although the Courts “Officially” open at 7:00 am, any players commencing play prior to that time must record the actual starting time (e.g. If play started a 6:45 am, Court time ends at 7:45 am.) When all Courts are occupied, arriving or waiting players must sign their own names on the sign-up board to establish their place on the waiting list. The right side of the board is the sign up for players waiting to play. Each player will sign up in the order in which they arrive. A set group (foursome) should not sign up until all players are on the premise. If the player leaves the Casino premises, he or she loses their place on the waiting list. If more than one Court is available at the same time, the first group shall indicate the exact time that they began. The next group will indicate a time one minute past the time that the preceding group went out. No two groups should have the same starting time.

2. Weekend guidelines for court play: Saturday, Sunday and Holiday Sign up

Between 7:00 am and 11:00 am, no member of a pre-arranged group may sign up for a Court until all four members are present. All other eligible individuals who sign up on those days and during those times shall play in order in which they sign up. The first 4 players who are waiting to play have control of the next available court and each consecutive foursome after that as courts become available. If a set group has 1 to 3 players in front of them those players have control of the next available court. They can get players from those waiting after the set group or if there are none available can take players from the group coming off the court. The set group will then have the next available court.

C) Court Priorities

One hour is the maximum amount of play allowed when there are other players waiting. However, Tournament matches, not to exceed three sets may continue until completed. Individuals who have played one hour are to vacate their court when players are waiting to play regardless of the number of hours those waiting players may have already played that day. If no one is waiting to play, it would be appropriate for the original group to continue playing past their hour until bumped by a new group and then leave the court as a group and sign up for a new hour.

- 1. Open Tennis:** Open Doubles play, Saturday, Sunday and Holidays, sunrise to 11:00am and Wednesday evenings from 5:00 pm to closing. Full- time working persons and persons who have retired from a full-time working position have priority on Saturday, Sunday and Holiday mornings from 7:00 am until 11:00 am. Doubles have priority during this time.

No guests are permitted during this time. Single players and non-priority doubles players (e.g., non-full time working persons) are entitled to sign up for empty courts before 11:00 am but are subject to being bumped by priority doubles players before 11:00 am. Non-priority doubles players have preference over singles. Non-priority doubles or singles players may not sign their names on the board until all members of their respective groups are present. Neither non-priority

group has priority over any priority doubles group before 11:00 am regardless of how many hours the priority group has played that morning.

2. **Tournament Matches should not begin before 11:01am and have court Priority until completed. If tournament match starts before 11:00am they can be bumped after one hour.** The Tournament Directors and the Tennis Chairs have the authority to make decisions concerning Club Championship Tournaments.
3. **Weekday Priorities:** Full-time working persons and persons who have retired from a full-time working position have priority weekdays from 4:30 pm until closing with the exceptions of (1) Wednesday Open Doubles, (2) Friday Round Robins, and (3) team matches as indicated in the **Activity Section**.
4. **Adult/Junior Play: On Monday, Tuesday, when available, and Thursday evenings,** Adult(s) may play with a junior(s) without losing priority. Juniors are those persons who have not reached their 18th birthday by May 1, of the current year. Juniors playing Juniors have no priority and may be bumped at any time.
5. **Women's Team Tennis: North Shore Women's League GC Casino tennis teams** utilize Courts 1, 2 and 3 for practice on Monday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 12:40 pm. All members are asked to take this into consideration when planning tennis activities. The Casino hosts team matches from 10:00am until 12:30pm on the following days. All members must vacate the courts for court preparation at 9:30am. The Women's Matches are scheduled on the following days:

- **Tuesday** **Team C-1**
- **Wednesday** **Team A-2**
- **Thursday** **Teams B-1,B-2**
- **Friday** **Team B-3**

Members are encouraged to check the tennis schedule for court availability. The schedule is subject to change to accommodate special circumstances such as inclement weather.

6. **Men's Team Tennis: The Senior Men's Tennis Team** holds home matches on scheduled Tuesday evenings. The courts close at 6:00pm to membership. The scheduled matches are listed on the Tennis Schedule. Members are encouraged to check the schedule for court closings.
- Wednesday Evenings Open Tennis:** Open Doubles play has priority from 5:00 pm to closing for all adult working or non-working Tennis Members. The same rules for guests stated above apply. Pre-arranged groups are not permitted for Wednesday Evening Open Tennis.
7. **Thursday Evenings Ladies Nights:** Open Doubles play from 5:00pm to closing. This is open to all women tennis members. Pre-arranged groups are not permitted. Check the Tennis Schedule for court closings.
 8. **Round Robin Mixers:** This is an organized tennis social event for men and women. Doubles play and dinner is served. Members must sign up for this event to hold a reservation. Courts close to membership at 5:00pm. The dates are listed on the tennis schedule and membership will be notified by invitation and there will be a sign up posted on the Bulletin Board.

9. **Holidays 2019**: Include Monday May 27th , Thursday July 4th, and Monday September 2nd. Open play schedule will be followed.

D) Junior Program

Directed by the approved pro and the GCC Tennis Chairs. The Junior Program will run from May through June as the calendar dictates. The program is open to members and non-members. The non-member must be a resident of Garden City. The applications will be made available at the Casino and on our website. The program will run on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 till 5:00pm. The program is open to students ages 6 through 18years of age. All tennis levels are offered. All questions may be directed to **Tennis Pro: Bob Kessler at usopentennis2002@aol.com**.

E) Guests

Both adult and junior guests must register on the bulletin board **PRIOR** to play. Guest fees are \$5.00 (adults) and \$3.00 (juniors) on weekdays and \$10.00 (everyone) on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. All guests, including Casino House Members, must be registered by the sponsoring Tennis member on the Guest Sign-In Sheet (located on the bulletin board). Failure to register a guest will result in an assessment of a \$20.00 fine (in addition to the guest fee) to the errant member's account. Flagrant violation of this rule may lead to suspension or revocation of membership. No individual may be a guest more than twice in any calendar month. Members are responsible for determining whether their guests have played previously that month. A member who invites any person (Garden City resident or not) who already has been a guest two times in any calendar month will be billed a non-appealable \$50.00 fine for each occurrence. This rule applies whether the guest in question has played previously at the invitation of the same Member or another Member. These rules do not apply to the Member/Guest Tournaments. Guests are not permitted to play before 11:00am on Saturday, Sundays or Holidays.

F) Dress Policy

The Garden City Casino dress policy calls for conventional tennis attire to be worn at all times on the tennis courts. It applies to all Members and their guests. As a general guideline, Gentlemen's shirts and shorts must not contain more color than the pre-approved GC Casino sponsored shirts. For Gentlemen Tennis shirts with collars, ladies may wear Tennis shirts without collars or sleeves. Ladies may also wear pastels, if pastels are worn a combination of white and pastel is preferred. Tennis Sneakers must be predominantly white.

G) Court Etiquette

Civility, consideration and respect should be exhibited to your partner, opponents and all members. All members are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship on the courts and off. If an issue comes up and it can't be resolved please refer to the rules and if necessary contact the Tennis Chairs.

H) 911 Policy

As members of a club whose primary activity is physically rigorous, it is important to remember that proper nourishment and hydration are necessary both before, during and after play. If while you are playing, you feel weak or excessively fatigued, stop and seek a shady area until the discomfort passes. Do not resume play until you are sure the condition has passed.

If you observe anyone at the Club who is in apparent distress from heat related or any other medical reason, including injury, do not hesitate to call 911 to seek appropriate medical attention. When in doubt, make the call and let the trained emergency personnel determine whether any further attention is in order.