

LAKE OF THE PINES ASSOCIATION



Tennis Court Rules

1. Lake of the Pines tennis courts are for the use of all Association members/tenants.
2. Lake of the Pines Management is responsible for all tennis court activity and oversees usage of the courts for the best interests of all members/tenants and has final approval of court usage.
3. Tennis court access will be activated on membership cards after the member/tenant signs an acknowledgement and agrees to follow the Rules & Regulations for Tennis Courts. This may be done in the Administration Office 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
4. Reservations for general court use are to be made online at lop.org or on the LOPA App. Players with reservations will always have priority over players that arrive without a reservation.
5. Reservations are forfeited when persons signed up fail to occupy the court within 10 minutes of their scheduled start time. Be prepared to start and end on time.
6. Court reservations and equipment use is restricted to persons twelve (12) years and older. Persons under twelve (12) years of age must be supervised by an adult while they are on the court.
7. Approved Lake of the Pines teaching professional may pre-reserve tennis courts for lessons/clinics through the Recreation Department.
8. The tennis courts are to be used for playing tennis. Special or specific use of tennis courts, for use other than tennis, must be approved by LOP Management or the LOP Board.
9. Proper tennis attire must be worn on the courts. Playing in bathing suits or without shirts is prohibited. Only closed-toe court shoes with non-marking soles are allowed on the courts. All other footwear is prohibited.
10. Open play time for Association members/tenants and Tennis Club authorized league play is limited to 2 (two) hours for singles and 2.5 (two and a half) hours for doubles.
11. Court Usage:
 - Court hours are 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. seven days a week.
 - a. Prime time on the courts is defined as 8:00 a.m. until noon and 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. seven days a week.
 - b. Tennis courts may be pre-reserved for tennis socials and tennis tournaments, if approved by LOP Management in advance.
 - c. The Tennis Club may pre-reserve two courts for two days each week for drop-in tennis play 8:00 a.m. to noon. Only one of the two drop-in days may be a weekend day. Drop-in tennis play is defined as any member/tenant arriving without a reservation that will play a game with other drop-in players, joining in order of arrival as courts become available.
 - d. Combined court usage of league play and drop-in play, as requested by the Tennis Club, may be assigned up to 3 courts at a time during prime time. One court shall remain available during prime time for lessons, clinics and/or open availability on the individual reservation system.

- e. The Tennis Club may submit a request for usage of a fourth court during prime time to LOP Management, who has the authority to approve or deny such requests dependent on overall demand while considering the best interests of all members/tenants. Requests may be approved in increments of 10–12-week sessions, to follow the session dates as listed on the league application.

12. League Usage:

Leagues offer a structured opportunity for tennis players to play with others of their same skill level on a regular basis. They are supported by Association Management and the Board of Directors under the following conditions:

- a. A league is defined as a group of four (4) or more Tennis Club members who can reserve a court for two (2) hours for singles play, and two and a half (2.5) hours each week for doubles play during a time span that is 10 to 12 weeks in duration. Leagues with fewer than four (4) members do not merit an ongoing court reservation.
- b. Leagues must be sponsored and approved by the Tennis Club.
- c. Leagues will have courts assigned as follows: Leagues with 4-5 players = 1 court, leagues with 6-8 players = 2 courts, leagues with 9 or more players = 3 courts.
- d. There is no limit on the number of leagues a player may participate in. A player may be a designated substitute on any league.
- e. League applications, with rosters and requested league schedules must be submitted to and approved by the Tennis Club. The Tennis Club must then submit applications to the Recreation Department for final approval and to pre-reserve the courts.
- f. A draw and/or league size may be used to determine the priority of each league's reservation request. Leagues will request several preferred courts, days, and times to be used as needed to help the Tennis Club and LOP Management assign court usage on a fair basis.
- g. Leagues are expected to handle their own scheduling of members for play on the reserved court.

13. Guests using courts must be accompanied by the host member at all times.

14. USTA Tennis Rules apply at all times during tennis play. Courtesy and good sportsmanship must prevail.

15. No profane or foul language, loud music, pets of any kind, glass containers, alcoholic beverages, smoking, food, skateboards, scooters, roller skates/blades, bicycles, etc. are allowed on the tennis court.

16. Failure to comply with these rules could result in loss of playing privilege or other appropriate action by the Association.

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