

BEACON'S REACH CLAY COURT TENNIS RULES

(Updated 5/7/2011)

1. ATTIRE: All players must wear smooth-soled tennis shoes. No running shoes cross trainers, black-soled shoes, street shoes or basketball sneakers are allowed. Inappropriate shoes will damage the playing surface.

- a. Appropriate tennis shoes have rubber soles and no heel.
- b. All players are required to wear a shirt.

2. WEATHER: All players are requested to use good judgment in the clay courts after inclement weather. Do not play on a court if there are puddles or if the surface is very soft. Doing so could cause extensive damage to the court surface and could require that the court(s) be taken out of service for maintenance.

- a. If in doubt, do not play.
- b. The courts should not be used when the temperature is below freezing or when the courts have been closed due to freezing weather.
- c. If the courts are damaged due to play during the above-mentioned situations, you could be held responsible for the cost of repairs.

3. SURFACE PROTECTION: Any activity that may scuff or damage the tennis court surface is prohibited.

- a. No racket abuse on the courts.
- b. Only those playing tennis (with proper shoes) are allowed on the courts.
- c. Absolutely no wheeled vehicles are allowed on the tennis courts.
- d. No animals on the courts.
- e. Smoking is not allowed on the courts.
- f. The courts are to be used for tennis play only.

4. SURFACE MAINTENANCE: Clay courts have a very dynamic surface that requires periodic grooming. Please do your part to keep our courts looking and playing like new. **At the conclusion of play, players are asked to follow the grooming procedure posted on the clay court gate. Procedure is as follows:**

*** Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday: Drag the surface *front to back from the fence to net.***

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: Drag the surface in straight lines, alternating direction from *side to side.

*** Sweep the lines after dragging.**

5. KEYS: Keys to the tennis courts remain the property of the BRMA. Anyone abusing the privileges of the tennis facilities shall be subject to key forfeiture and loss of use of the tennis courts.

a. Players must be prepared to present their court key if requested to do so by Beacon's Reach security. Your court key is your pass to play.

b. The door to the courts should remain closed/locked at all times.

c. Under no circumstances should court keys be copied or loaned.

d. If you are requested to open the gate door to allow someone to access the courts, remind them of the rule that they must have their key to gain court access.

e. No Key- No Play.

6. TIME LIMITS: Singles and doubles play is limited to 2 hours whenever anyone is waiting to play.

a. *All players* in a group must relinquish the court at the end of the time limit, regardless of when the individual players joined that group.

7. RESERVATIONS: The sign-up/reservation sheets are located in the gazebo at the courts.

a. The administrative office will maintain the sign-up sheet and will accept e-mail and telephone reservations until the sheet is transferred to the courts.

b. After the sign-up sheet is transferred to the courts, reservations can only be made in person at the courts.

c. The sign-up sheet will generally be transferred to the courts, late in the day, 2 days prior. For example, the sign-up sheet for Fridays will be transferred to the courts on Wednesday; the sheet for Saturday will be transferred to the courts on Thursday, and so on.

d. Courts may be reserved no more than 7 days in advance.

e. Owners who have reserved a court have priority over walk-up players.

f. Walk-up players are still required to register on the sign-up sheet at the gazebo. Beacon's Reach security will challenge players who have not registered at the sign-up board.

g. Owners are not allowed to reserve more than 1 court for the same time period on the same day.

h. Owners may reserve 1 or 2 hour blocks; however, not more than 2 consecutive hours may be reserved at a time.

i. Owners may reserve up to 4 hours per day.

j. No owner shall reserve a court while playing on another court.

k. Owners who are not present when their reserved time becomes available will forfeit the reservation. Do not be late!

SUMMER SPECIAL NOTICES:

1) DUE TO THE HIGH DEMAND FOR COURTS DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS WEEKS/WEEKENDS (DEFINED AS THE WEEKEND PRECEDING THROUGH MEMORIAL DAY, THE WEEKEND PRECEDING THROUGH 4TH OF JULY, THE WEEKEND PRECEDING THOUGH LABOR DAY MONDAY), THE FOLLOWING RULE

WILL BE IN EFFECT: NO OWNER SHALL RESERVE A COURT FOR THE SAME TIME PERIOD MORE THAN TWICE DURING THESE HOLIDAYS.

2) IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF RESERVATION OPTIONS DURING THE HIGH-DEMAND SUMMER MORNING SLOTS, BEGINNING THE FRIDAY BEFORE MEMORIAL DAY THROUGH LABOR DAY MONDAY, THE MORNING RESERVATION TIME SLOTS WILL BE 8:00AM-10:00AM AND 10:00AM-12:00NOON.

8. ELIGIBLE PLAYERS: Play is restricted to Beacon's Reach Owners, house guests staying in the owner's home, or guests accompanied by a Beacon's Reach Owner.

a. Owners shall insure that guests adhere to the rules; owners are responsible for the conduct of their guests.

b. Renters are not allowed to use the clay courts. IF YOU RENT YOUR HOME/UNIT, DO NOT MAKE THE CLAY COURT KEYS AVAILABLE TO RENTERS!

c. Instruction is not allowed on the clay courts.

d. Children under 18 must play with a resident adult.

e. No solo use of the court is allowed.

f. No more than 4 players on any single court at one time.

g. Each clay court is for the use of 2 or 4 simultaneous users only.

9. WHEN TO PLAY: Play is to be concluded prior to 11:00 PM. Please turn off lights when you leave.

10. PARKING: It is the responsibility of owners to provide parking passes for their tennis-playing guests. Beacon's Reach security reserves the right to ticket those cars without parking passes.

No rules can cover every eventuality. Therefore, the BR tennis committee hopes that residents will observe the spirit of the regulations so that all residents/guests can enjoy the facilities. Future rule revisions may be necessary.

- There will be a onetime fee of \$25 for the clay court tennis key. One key will be issued per owner/property. Before an owner receives a key, he/she must:
 - a. Sign acknowledging receipt and acceptance of the tennis rules
 - b. Complete a contact data sheet to allow BRTC to communicate with owners
 - c. Be assigned a 3-digit key number
- When an owner sells their Beacon's Reach property, they are required to immediately return the tennis court key to the property manager.