

## **Tennis Court Rules for Ruby Forest**

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Use of the tennis courts is restricted to full HOA members and their accompanied non-resident guests. All persons that use the tennis courts are required to abide by the following rules which have been established for the safety and enjoyment of everyone.

### **Court Reservation Policies**

- Ruby Forest uses Reserve my Court (RMC) website for Court Reservations. (See the tennis court landing page for instructions on how to gain access to the RMC website to make a court reservation)
- A reservation on the RMC website is required for all Tennis Court use. Use of a court without a reservation may result in forfeiture of the court to someone that has made a reservation.
- Respectful to Homeowners in close vicinity to the courts, please ensure the lights are turned off when leaving the courts following evening use.
- Court usage and RMC access is restricted to Ruby Forest HOA members in good standing with the Ruby Forest Homeowners Association. (Restriction controlled in RMC)
- Each resident can reserve one court for a maximum of two (2) hours. (Restriction controlled in RMC)
- There is a fifteen (15) minute grace period for each reservation. If you have not taken the court before this grace period expires, the court is open for anyone to use.
- If someone is already on the court for which you have reserved, you may ask nicely during a changeover how much longer the players think the match will take. Do not demand the court during an ongoing match. You can check RMC to confirm they have a reservation. If a match with a prior reservation is in progress, allow the players to finish the match before taking the court.
- Play on the court you reserved. Do NOT change courts without updating the RMC website. Delete the original reservation and submit a new reservation for the preferred court.
- If you have reserved a court and know that you will not be using it, please take the time to mark cancel your reservation so that the court will be available to others.
- Coaching and lessons during peak hours should be scheduled on the back courts as it can be disruptive to Match play. (Peak hours are considered to be 6pm to 10pm)
- The Ruby Forest facilities are not currently equipped for Pickleball. The Back tennis courts can be reserved by Residents Interested in playing recreational Pickleball.
- Pickleball is an option in RMC for the back courts. Please designate the court is being used for Pickleball when making your reservation.

### **General Court Usage Policies**

- Do not open the gate for people that do not have their access fob or if they say their fob is not working properly. Please inform that person to contact the Board of Directors.
- Proper identification and/or proof of residence can be requested at any time by anyone. (Their Fob is considered proper proof of residence)
- One (1) access fob is provided to each member household. There is a \$50 fee for replacement of any fob.

- The Board of Directors and the Suwanee Police Department are authorized to request that violators leave the premises. Anyone that does not leave the premises after such a request will be deemed to be trespassing.
- Courts are limited to Racket play only. Skateboards, roller blades, scooters, bicycles, etc. are not permitted inside the fenced court area at any time.
- Please clean the area of garbage, and other personal items when you leave. There are multiple trash and recycling receptacles in the area. Proper disposal of garbage will help control ants and other pests.
- Shoes and shirts must be worn at all times on the courts.
- All shoes must be appropriate court shoes and have non-marking soles.
- Pets are not permitted on the courts.

### **Guest Policies**

- Guests may use the Courts only at a members' invitation and must be accompanied by the member at all times.
- Tennis Guest are not allowed to use the pool facility unless accompanied by a RF Member of the required age.
- Guests must abide by the same rules and regulations as members.
- Members are responsible for the conduct of their children and their guests at all times. Disruptive guests or violation of rules by guests, could subject members to suspension or revocation of court privileges.
- No resident of Ruby Forest (or anyone in their household) that is not a full member in good standing with the HOA may be a guest of a member. It is unfair to paying members for non-paying residents to use the courts without contributing to its support. This includes children of families who are non-members.

### **League Policies**

- For information on League play at Ruby Forest please submit an email to the tennis committee and a response will be returned with the current available options and required actions. (i.e. League registration and potential ranking limitations may apply)
- Ruby Forest Full HOA Members are to be considered a priority for Team membership before exploring alternative members outside the HOA.
- No more than 3 courts may not be reserved in advance for a single league event, leaving at least one court available for individual reservations. If a 4th court is available at start of the match it can then be reserved.
- New Teams must get approval from the tennis committee for court usage prior to submitting a team roster designating RF as the Home Courts.
- Each team shall have one practice per week for the duration of a season. Scheduling for the time of each practice will not exceed 2 hours. (Restriction controlled in RMC)
- In the event of a makeup match, the team will try to schedule the match during open slots per the RMC reservation site. If open times will not suffice, the team Captain must contact the resident holding the desired time slot and negotiate a possible move. Be considerate, when asked politely most will accommodate this need.

- Empty the on-court trashcans and pick up the surrounding area following Match play.
- Tennis Guest are not allowed to use the pool facility unless accompanied by a RF Member of the required age. Guest are expected to follow the rules established for the pool.

### **Coaching/Practice Policies**

- Coaching and lessons during peak hours should be scheduled on the back courts as it can be disruptive to Match play. (Peak hours are considered to be 6pm-10pm)
- For-Pay Coaching should be coordinated with the Tennis Committee.
- Court reservations for Coaching are required on RMC and should be designated as Coaching or Practice.
- When taking lessons, please be respectful to match play on adjacent court.
- No resident of Ruby Forest (or anyone in their household) that is not a full member in good standing with the HOA may participate in coaching/practice as a guest of a member. This includes children of residents who are non-members.

### **General Guidelines on Tennis Etiquette**

- Talk quietly when standing near tennis courts that are in use.
- NEVER walk behind players when a point is still in play. Wait until the game is OVER or until you are waved across.
- When sending balls back to a neighboring court, roll them on to the back of the court. Never send them back while play is in progress.
- Retrieve balls for your partner and your opponent.
- Please keep your language clean and appropriate. Ruby Forest is a family-filled neighborhood, and children are within earshot.
- Throwing of racquets is prohibited.
- Smoking on the courts is prohibited. When smoking outside of the courts be respectful to not discard cigarette butts on the ground.
- Please clean up after yourself.