

# ***Hamilton Township***

## ***Tennis Guidelines***

### **Philosophy:**

The tennis courts are owned by the homeowner's (through the homeowner's association) for the homeowner's use and enjoyment. Due to the large number of homeowners participating in tennis activities it has become necessary to regulate the use of the courts for leisure and competitive play.

### **Tennis Committee:**

The Tennis Chairperson is appointed by the Board of the Homeowner's Association to regulate the use of the tennis facility and make recommendations regarding its use to the Board. Committee members are made up of tennis team representatives.

### **Tennis Rules:**

- Non-residents are NOT allowed to use Hamilton Township tennis courts unless accompanied by a Hamilton Township resident. Courts are to be used by Hamilton Township teams or any non Hamilton Township team with prior approval by the Tennis Committee.
- Non-tennis activity is NOT permitted on the courts.
- Children who are not playing tennis are NOT permitted on the courts.
- No pets are permitted on the courts.

- Proper tennis footwear must be worn while on the courts. Any equipment that marks or damages the playing surface is prohibited (including, but not limited to, black-bottom sneakers, roller blades, roller skates, skateboards, razors, bicycles, etc.)
- Court reservations are to be made through the Hamilton Township website. Reservations are to be made by Hamilton Township residents only. When making reservations, indicate how many courts, location and purpose (i.e. lesson, match, last name of person making reservations). Any change to reservations, needs to be directed to the Tennis Coordinator.
- Private/Group lessons may be reserved up to 2 hours of court time and are limited to a maximum of 3 courts. All USTA/ALTA matches are allowed to maintain 3 courts until completion.
- Court lights will be turned off at 10:00 PM. The last player on the court at night is responsible for turning off the lights.
- Consult Hamilton Township's website for Tennis Committee contact information or to report problems with the tennis courts.

## **Tennis Team Rules:**

### **Teams**

- Hamilton Township can support up to two adult ALTA/USTA teams in each league.
- It is the objective of Hamilton Township for teams to be comprised of at least 50% Hamilton Township residents.

- Anyone wishing to start a new ALTA/USTA team must contact the tennis committee prior to the ALTA/USTA registration process to determine availability of adding a new team.
- Once approval has been given by the tennis committee to form a new team, the residents of Hamilton Township should be given the first opportunity to join the new team if they are able to compete on the anticipated level of that team. Residents should be given 7 calendar days to express an interest in the new team. If after the 7 days have been given to the residents and the new team is not able to meet the 50% resident requirement, the new team can add non-residents to fill the roster. Non-residents are responsible for paying the non-resident fee.
- A team cannot be forced by a resident to remove any non-resident player(s) once rosters for the season have been submitted. Residents may replace non-resident players once a season is concluded.
- The decision on ability/qualification of a player, relative to the team, will be at the discretion of the Captain/Co-Captain.
- When enough teams exist that no more teams can be formed under ALTA/USTA/"other" rules; teams with the highest percentage of Hamilton Township residents will have priority over teams with less residents. New team(s) must submit rosters to the Tennis Committee for consideration two months prior to the season.

## **Non-Resident Fee**

- Non-resident adult ALTA/USTA member must pay a \$25.00 non-resident fee for each ALTA/USTA season (not on an annual basis) to be eligible to play on a Hamilton Township team. A \$15.00 fee is required for each non-resident junior player per ALTA/USTA season. The maximum amount any player will pay for one year is \$75.00 per adult and \$65.00 per junior. The Captain of each team is responsible for collecting this fee from non-residents and forwarding to the tennis committee prior to the start of the season.

- All non-resident fees will be held into an account by the Hamilton Township Homeowners Association for future use on maintenance and improvements of the tennis facilities. The Tennis Committee will make recommendations regarding the spending of these funds with final approval by the Board. These funds will be used specifically for tennis assets.

## **Captain**

- Captain and Co-Captain must be a resident of Hamilton Township.
- All teams have the right to vote on Captain/Co-Captain for the next season.
- Captain and/or Co-Captain are responsible for reporting any necessary tennis court repairs to the tennis committee.
- Captain is responsible for collecting non-resident fees prior to ALTA and USTA season. The non-resident fees along with team rosters are to be filed with the tennis committee prior to the start of the season. For any additional non-resident added to the roster after the initial submission, the Captain is responsible for collecting the non-resident fee and updating the team roster with the tennis committee.

*Any questions or comments concerning the Tennis Guidelines should be directed to the Tennis Committee. These Guidelines will be reviewed as needed.*