



# LEGACY PARK

## Tennis and Pickleball Policies

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## **GENERAL TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL RULES AND POLICIES**

### **Hours of Operation**

The Tennis and Pickleball courts are open for play daily from 7:00 a.m. (or sunrise, whichever is later) until 10:00 p.m.

### **Court Use**

Tennis and Pickleball courts are for the designated sports only. No skateboards, rollerblades, scooters, bicycles, or other activities are allowed on the courts.

To ensure fair play and maximize court availability, only four participants are allowed on the court at any given time. Additional spectators must remain outside the court area unless they are actively participating in a drill, lesson or organized group activity under the supervision of a coach or instructor.

### **Dress Code**

Proper tennis attire is required at all times. Acceptable attire consists of sports shirts, shorts, and dresses. Shirts must be worn at all times. Only non-marking court shoes are allowed.

### **Code of Conduct**

Tennis court participants (residents or guests) may be suspended from the courts by the HOA Board for cause. The term "*cause*" includes, but is not limited to, disorderly conduct at the courts and conduct endangering the good order, welfare or character of Legacy Park as determined by the HOA Board at its sole discretion.

### **Court Reservations**

All residents have access (during normal hours of operation) to the tennis and pickleball courts at all times with the exception of scheduled special events of which the HOA will use its best efforts to notify the membership in advance.

All court reservations may be made anytime by going to the online reservation system at [www.reservemycourt.com](http://www.reservemycourt.com). Only those Legacy Park residents in good standing with an amenity ID card will be provided access to the reservation system. Residents will need to sign up with a username and password and will receive prior approval from the HOA in order to access this system.

Courts may be reserved up to 14 days in advance. Residents must be on the court at all times in conjunction with their reservation. Residents participating on a Legacy Park team may not reserve courts for individual play during a time in which their team is playing a home match.

Tennis Court times are limited to 2.5 hours. Pickleball Court times are limited to 1.5 hours. A court reservation will be canceled if players have not arrived within 10 minutes after the scheduled court time.

Tennis Management is responsible for booking courts for all League Play. It is their responsibility to balance league play bookings with the necessity of leaving courts open for Non-League Play.

### **Tennis and Pickleball Center Guest Policy**

All rules and regulations of the Legacy Park HOA governing amenity use by guests are applicable at the tennis and pickleball center. Residents are required to keep their guests under supervision at all times and are responsible for the conduct of their guests while on Legacy Park property.

### **Tennis and Pickleball Etiquette**

Proper tennis and pickleball etiquette starts with respecting the staff, the members, their guests, and the facilities. The following rules are to be followed at all times:

- Please remain quiet while points are in play.
- Children are welcome at the courts but must be supervised at all times so as not to create a hindrance to matches in progress.
- Please respect others by using appropriate language.
- Please do not walk on and/or around a court that is in use. Wait until the point is over and then ask if you may cross the court.
- Smoking is not allowed in or near the Pavilion or Courts.
- No Glass on the Courts.

## **Lessons and Instruction**

Legacy Park contracts a staff of tennis and pickleball professionals for those residents and teams seeking instruction. Lessons may be scheduled by contacting one of the Pros. All residents taking lessons must be current on their Legacy Park assessments.

### **Lesson Scheduling**

Team matches and team clinic scheduling will be completed prior to season commencement. Court availability is known at least two weeks in advance. Any member requiring a court may check reservemycourt.com online. The tennis staff will schedule all court times for matches and lessons. Residents may not reserve courts during a time in which their team is playing a home match.

## **League Play**

### **ALTA and USTA League Play**

There are two primary team leagues in Atlanta that Legacy Park Tennis participates in. ALTA (Atlanta Lawn Tennis Association) is played in the spring and fall with mixed doubles playing in the summer and winter. USTA (United States Tennis Association) is played in the summer and winter months with mixed doubles in the fall and spring.

Legacy Park Pickleball participates in ALTA during the spring, summer and fall seasons and USTA in the spring.

All participants in league play must pay the League Sports Participation Insurance Fee annually set by the HOA.

All flex singles and doubles leagues (T2, K-Swiss, League Tennis.com, etc.) are played at the discretion of residents and residents are solely responsible to book their courts in advance online.

### **Guests that choose to play on a tennis team must pay the following fees to the HOA:**

Guests (paid per season)

- Adults: \$35
- Juniors: waived

**These fees are due each season and must be paid prior to the season start date. Fees are not pro-rated or refundable once the season begins. It is the captain's responsibility to assure that the nonresident dues are paid prior to the beginning of each season.**

Legacy Park HOA allows a maximum of 20% Guests (overall) to participate in Tennis League play each season. Any exception to the 20% Guest policy must be authorized by Tennis Management.

Legacy Park HOA does not allow Guests to participate in the Pickleball League. Any exception to this must be approved by the HOA Board of Directors.

## **General Team Guidelines & Policies**

### **Team Formation**

Many dynamics are involved in the formation of teams. It is in everyone's best interest that a balance between social concerns and competitiveness be maintained. Therefore, it is the objective and policy of Legacy Park Tennis and Pickleball to maintain a system that creates equal opportunity for all and is as fair and impartial as possible for everyone.

Teams are generally made up of players who are friends. Thus, the social element is sometimes more heavily weighed than the competitive element. Ideally, the objective is for teams to be made up of players of similar levels and abilities so as to also be competitive. This is consistent with the typical makeup of ALTA and USTA teams. Our goal is to maintain a number of teams at various levels. In maintaining this structure, it also allows for easy movement of a player from

one team to another without sacrificing the integrity of the program and helps individuals genuinely enjoy their team tennis experience.

Player movement will be limited according to the number of players on both the current and new teams.

The creation of teams and the number of teams is based on the player's registration. This helps ensure players and teams are fun and competitive and have optimal match play time. Players registering after the Legacy Park deadline may be added to teams, but match time is NOT guaranteed. This is to not penalize players registering in a timely manner.

### **Non-resident "Guest" Policy**

In order to ensure that LP residents always have an opportunity to join a team (each season and at the appropriate level) the following policy will govern non-resident participation.

Guests of residents are permitted to play on a Legacy Park team under certain strict guidelines (outlined below). **At no point will a willing resident be denied the opportunity to participate on a Legacy Park Tennis or Pickleball team.**

Guests of members are permitted to play under the following conditions:

- All residents of the appropriate level have had an opportunity to join that particular team.
- All fees must be paid in advance of being placed on a roster.
- All teams must submit their roster to the tennis committee and tennis director two weeks prior to the league deadline for approval.
- Participation of non-residents on a tennis team will be on a season-to-season basis. Reassessment will occur each new season.

Non-resident players are "guests" of Legacy Park. Through participation on a tennis team, they are permitted to use the tennis courts for all home matches during the respective season and participate in team and individual lessons. Any additional use of the tennis or pickleball courts must be in the presence of a resident as their guest.

## **Team Captain Responsibilities and Guidelines**

League tennis is played year-round in Atlanta and teams are in constant need of captains and co-captains. It is the policy of Legacy Park to create an equal opportunity for all members to captain a team and experience the rewards of leadership. It is a volunteer position, and we respect and thank all those who give back to our community in this manner.

### **Only Legacy Park residents may be the captain of a team!**

#### **Captain Responsibilities**

Captains will determine the amount of play by each player (resident and non-resident) during the season (based on availability) equitably. All players have an equal right to play. Captains should be cognizant of not just playing the strongest players but should rotate players in equally (adjusting for availability).

Captains that fail to comply with the rules will lose privileges for future seasons.

### **Team Registration**

It is **mandatory** that the LP Tennis and Pickleball Committee be listed as a designee for ALTA teams. Use the following ALTA #103-293-456 when registering your team.

By registering your team with ALTA and USTA (as an official team of Legacy Park) you are agreeing to abide by and follow the rules set forth by the HOA Board of Directors (BOD) & and Tennis Committee (TC). The following rules apply to team registration:

1. Team rosters must be submitted to the TC a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the league registration deadline for approval.
2. No team shall be registered without **advance approval** from the Tennis Management & TC. Only when you have received the confirmation letter back from the Director are you free to enter a roster.
3. At no time after the team approval by the Tennis Management & TC may a **non-resident** be added to a roster. It is permissible to add a resident (in good standing with the HOA)
4. It is mandatory that ALL members of the team be current with their individual HOA and Tennis Club dues prior to being included on any roster. Should a member be included on a team with past-due dues or fees, they will immediately be suspended from play for the duration of the season in progress or until the dues are brought current.
5. All players on a roster for league play must pay the League Sports Participation fee set annually that is set by the HOA. Should a member be included on a team that has not paid the League Sports Participation fee, they will be immediately suspended from play for the duration of the season or until the fee is paid.
6. It is the responsibility of the captain to ensure that all procedures of the registration process are followed. Should any captain not follow the HOA/TC team registration/approval process and register a team directly with USTA or ALTA, that team will be suspended from play at the Legacy Park facility for the duration of that season.

### **Team Drills/Lessons (Captain's responsibilities)**

Participation in team lessons/drills is encouraged for all players. Participation helps develop an individual player's skills, learn doubles strategy, and build team camaraderie.

All participating team members shall share in the cost of team lessons/drills. It is the responsibility of the captain to coordinate payment. The Captain should talk to their pro and/or the Tennis Management prior to the start of a season to discuss the fees and make payment arrangements.

These same policies apply to junior teams.

## **Junior Programs**

These programs will be run in a fun environment while stressing good sportsmanship. The goal of the Legacy Park junior program is to provide a great environment that residents want their children to be part of. The tennis staff will provide an environment to work on strong tennis fundamentals such as stroke production, footwork, shot selection, and basic strategy for developing a competitive athlete.

ALTA team tennis is a league offered during the spring and fall. This places boys and girls on separate teams, competing in the age groups of 10U, 12U, 14U and 18U. USTA team tennis is a league in which boys and girls play on the same team competing at the groups of 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U and 18U during the winter and summer months. Children participating in these leagues need to have attended prior tennis clinics as they must be able to serve, score and have basic rally skills.

Jr. Development for beginners through advanced players will be offered on a weekly basis.

Our goal is for each student to develop not only as a player, but also to develop life skills and serve as a positive presence and role model in the community.