

# **Orindawoods Tennis Club Rules**

Effective date: 11/4/2020

Due to the guidelines and restrictions posted by the State of California and Contra Costa County relating to the Covid-19 pandemic, and in the interest of providing a safe environment for the members and guests of the club, pandemic related rules have been added to the general list of club rules. The pandemic rules will be in effect until further notice, and they will supersede the general rules accordingly.

## **COVID-19 Club Rules and Guidelines**

### **1. Primary Rules:**

- a. A physical distancing of 6 feet must be maintained, except when playing with individuals of the same household.
- b. Masks must be worn at all times while on the club grounds, but they are optional once you get on the court, playing singles or doubles or practicing alone.
- c. No socializing on the club grounds before or after matches.
- d. The clubhouse and pool area are closed to members, except for using the restrooms. One person at a time is allowed to use the restrooms.
- e. No guests will be allowed during the pandemic (w/o permission of management).
- f. Spectators are not allowed on the grounds.

### **2. Personal Protection Guidelines**

- a. Maintain physical distancing, especially on change overs and around benches.
- b. Bring your own sanitizer and gloves.
- c. Parents should remain in their cars when dropping off or picking up students.

### **3. Clubhouse Operations**

- a. The Pro Shop is open for business, but please remain outside
- b. The doors to the Clubhouse will remain open during business hours to allow for access to the restrooms.
- c. The tennis staff will communicate directly with the members on the patio; masks required.
- d. Pro Shop Services, including stringing, cleaning, racquet sales, etc. are available, talk to the pros.
- e. Drinking fountains will not be operational during the pandemic. Therefore, members should bring personal water bottles in order to stay hydrated.

### **4. Lesson / Tennis Playing Guidelines:**

- a. Lessons:
  - i. Pro and student only, no groups, except same household
  - ii. No clinics (Men's and Women's), junior program, Hit and Fit, etc...

- b. Lesson Protocol:
  - i. Gates are fully functional.
  - ii. No sitting or bags on the bench (exceptions granted)
  - iii. No spectators
- c. Members Playing:
  - i. Play at Orindawoods is now by reservation only (use of sign-in board suspended at this time).
  - ii. Courts 4&5 are reservation courts. Court 2 is primarily lessons. There may be some lessons on other courts.
  - iii. Permitted playing options:
    - 1. Same Family / household can share equipment, masks on court optional (wearing masks required entering and exiting court and Club).
    - 2. Singles:
      - a. Two people per court.
      - b. Physical distancing
      - c. Masks optional on court. (wearing masks required entering and exiting)
      - d. No third player waiting to rotate in.
    - 3. Doubles:
      - a. Four people per court.
      - b. Physical distancing
      - c. Masks option on court (wearing masks required entering and exiting).
      - d. No congregating at the benches
      - e. No bags on the benches
      - f. Only four people on a court at a time, no one waiting to rotate in.
  - iv. Rules for Play (Binding Etiquette):
    - 1. Change sides on opposite ends of the nets, or don't change ends.
    - 2. Exit through the gate for your court only (don't cross other courts).
    - 3. Leave or enter the court, single file, six feet apart.
    - 4. No handshakes, high fives, etc...
    - 5. Court change: new groups walk to court masks on (single file, physical distancing) past the gate (do not enter the court), announce the court is theirs, existing group leaves court masks on (single file, physical distancing) before the new group returns to the gate to enter.

## **5. Ball Machine**

- a. Ball machine use is permitted.
- b. Court Three is available for ball machine use at any time (COVID Rules)
- c. Time limit of 60 mins for ball machine use.
- d. Last person to use the machine should put it back in the shed.

- e. Ball machine should not be used when the court is wet (as it will jam).

**No organized Events Allowed:** Women's Day, Men's Day, Large arranged groups, switching courts and partners

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### **General Court Rules and Guidelines\***

#### **Court Sign-in**

All court use must be recorded on the "sign-up" board outside the Pro Shop. If you take a "reservation" court, you must also sign in on the lobby computer or risk being bumped.

#### **Guests**

Members are to register guests, prior to play, in the Pro Shop. Guests must be accompanied by a member unless prior arrangements have been made and approved by the Club Manager. Envelops are provided for payment.

#### **Guest Fees**

\$10.00 per person Prime Time (8:30 a.m.-11 a.m. weekdays, 8:30-12 noon weekends, and lighted courts 6-9:30 p.m., daily)

\$10.00 per person all other times (including non-lighted evening court time in the summer)

\$1.00 Juniors - tennis and/or pool

#### **Reservations**

A. Reservations can be made 169 hours in advance (7 days, plus one hour, to the second). Example: if I want to reserve next Tuesday at 11 a.m., I can make that reservation starting at 10 a.m. this Tuesday. At 10:30, I could make a reservation for 11:30 the following week, etc.

B. Certain very popular reservation times will have Designated Start Times, so that everyone will have an equal opportunity to reserve that court (169 hours before, down to the second). In the mornings, most reservation courts will be blocked to 9-10:30, most weekday evening reservation courts will be 6-7:30. A few courts will be left for more flexible reservation starting times (on the hour, and on the half hour).

C. Reservations are made online at [orindawoodstennis.com](http://orindawoodstennis.com).

D. Same day reservations will now be accepted on the computer. You can look on-line from home, office or phone, see a court is free later, and make that reservation right now. Since it will be immediately posted on the lobby computer, people arriving at the Club will see your reservation.

E. If you come to the Club and take an open reservation court you need to register for that court on the lobby computer, or someone could come along (or from home) and make a reservation for that court, and take your court.

F. Reservations are for 1 1/2 hour time blocks, starting at 7:00 a.m. (1hr for Ball Machine).

G. Court reservations are forfeited if you don't show up within 15 minutes of the beginning of the reservation. Players who, after 15 minutes displace the original reservation, have until the end of the original reservation to play.

H. Each family is allowed TWO active (once you have played one, you may make another) advanced reservations per week (one per evening), from the following 3 categories:

1. prime time, 9 – 10:30 a.m. (9 - 12 noon on weekends).
2. prime time lighted courts, 6-9:30 p.m.
3. non-prime time (includes evening courts that are not lighted).

Note: Non-advance (day of play) reservations are unlimited.

No Ball Machine use during Prime Time

I. Two active reservation on the books at one time. Once you play, you can make another reservation.

J. Only one reservation per evening per family. Using two reservations for the week on the same evening is prohibited.

K. Back to back reservations (at 6 p.m. and then again at 7:30 p.m.) for people in the same groups, even if the reservations were made by different people within the groups is prohibited.

L. Team practices at nighttime on the lighted courts is prohibited.

M. The person who made the reservation must be present and playing on that court, or the reservation is void.

N. Half of the players on any given court must be members.

### **Court Availability**

1. Courts 1, 3, 6 & 7 may be reserved (2 & 3 for evening play).
2. Courts 4 & 5 (formally open courts) are now reservation courts.
3. Court 2 may be used by members when not used by the Professional.  
Court 2 can be reserved on mornings before 10 a.m. if not being used by the pros.

\*The above general rules will be adjusted as necessary to accommodate announced activities such as Tournaments, Social Events, League Matches, Programs, etc. that are sponsored by the Club.

## **Rules of Play**

- A. Courtesy in play and in the use of the courts is expected of all players according to the TENNIS CODE OF ETHICS, USTA Rules and Regulations.  
([https://www.usta.com/content/dam/usta/pdfs/2015\\_Code.pdf](https://www.usta.com/content/dam/usta/pdfs/2015_Code.pdf))
- B. On all courts, when others are waiting, play will be limited to no more than 1 1/2 hours for singles and doubles.
- C. No pets, toys, baby strollers, bikes, roller skates/blades, skateboards or other objects which could damage surfaces are allowed on the courts.
- D. No glass bottles, food or beverages (other than water or sports beverages in plastic containers) are allowed on the courts.
- E. Pickle Ball: pickle ball is not allowed at Orindawoods.

## **Programs**

All programs and activities (including league teams and social events) must be approved by the Board of Directors.

## **Attire**

Appropriate tennis attire is required. Tennis shoes and shirts are mandatory. No running shoes or black soled shoes will be permitted on the courts. Members are responsible for informing their guests of Club attire requirements.

## **Enforcement of club rules\*:**

The Tennis Staff is responsible for the enforcement of the above rules. The Orindawoods Board of Directors has implemented these rules to insure that its members and guests receive the full benefits of the facility and optimal professionalism of the staff in a safe environment. In an effort to deliver these benefits the following procedures will be followed:

1. Staff will call out any rule violations that they observe, and request the violator cease and desist immediately. The staff will clarify the rules for the player if necessary.
2. If the player refuses to follow the rule, they will be asked to leave the Club immediately. If the player refuses to leave the premises when asked, the local authorities will be called in to resolve the issue.
3. The incident will be reported by staff to the TAC and Board.
4. The Board will decide upon disciplinary action.
5. Levels of enforcement:
  - a. First repeat offense: one-month suspension.
  - b. Second repeat offense: membership termination.