

SBRTA Court Usage

1. Rated and Open Play

Most tennis players enjoy the game best when they are playing with others of the same approximate ability. Compatible serving, ground strokes, net play, and sustained rallies result in a rewarding game. Playing with others above or below the group's level may result in frustration all around and members not playing, playing elsewhere, or dropping out of the SBRTA.

USTA ratings are used by large clubs to classify skill levels for more compatible play. Some of our members do have USTA ratings. We periodically bring a tennis professional to SBR to rate all members who want to participate. We require ratings for those who wish to play in these sessions as well as the annual tennis festival.

2. Scheduled Court Times

The SBRTA has a block of hours assigned to us every day for use by our members. All other times of the day may be reserved at the Fitness Center.

We designate rated sessions for groups of players of comparable levels. We hope that members will choose to sign up for tennis in the group which is the current fit for their playing ability. If a player doesn't know which group they should play in, they are welcome to play any group but should get rated as soon as possible.

Courts should only be used for member play during club hours. Individual practice and ball machine use should be done outside of club hours, unless no one has reserved the court.

3. Signing Up for Rated Sessions

Always sign up for a court, even at the last minute! This guarantees that you will get the court ahead of anyone who just shows up.

We STRONGLY request that you sign up at least 24 hours in advance. This will enable other groups to sign up for courts which will be vacant.

If you cancel the night before or the morning of play leaving only 3 or 7 players, please try to get a substitute or notify one of the players in time for them find another player.

The players whose ratings match the session always have priority to play during those hours. Other players may sign up, but will be bumped by the rated player who signs up later.

When players have signed up for a session, the first group of four and the second group of four have priority to play first on the courts and all other players should be rotated in to play in a timely manner. There is no limit to how many people can sign up.

4. Signing up for Any Session

We want the courts to be used as much as possible. There are times during a rated session when only one court or no courts are being used. We would like members of another group to be able to use these courts. Women and men may sign up in the other's sessions. One scenario will be described here. There are too many variations to address every situation. Please remember, that we are a social group and want to accommodate as many members as possible.

Mixed Doubles session: six people have signed up. The group may choose to rotate the last two in or those two may want to play singles on the second court. Four women would like to play together. They sign up. Based on what the mixed group decides, the four women may get to play together on the second court. To make their intentions clear, the four women who sign up for the second court should put in a note in their reservations stating that they want to play together on court two to avoid any confusion that they want to play mixed.

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