



2020 TENNIS RULES AND REGULATIONS

WELCOME to our new and returning tennis members. We are pleased to finally be able to open our courts now that the Governor's phased re-opening plan has begun. To reduce contact, board members and staff will be unlocking/locking the courts each day. Gate keys may be provided to members in the fall depending on conditions at the time.

COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC: The rules for this season have been modified for safety, to enable social distance, and to comply with government and public health mandates. Rules may be added and/or changed as the situation evolves. Any changes will be emailed to members and posted on the Sun Valley website and at the courts. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. By visiting Sun Valley Swim & Tennis Club, you are voluntarily assuming all risks related to exposure to COVID-19. Each member must submit the [COVID-19 WAIVER](#) prior to visiting our facility.

We are committed to keeping Sun Valley a safe place for tennis members to stay active outside, with required distance. We are counting on each person to act responsibly and appreciate your cooperation. Questions or Concerns? office@sunvalleyswimclub.com.

Spot checks will be conducted and member privileges may be revoked for non-compliance.

FACE COVERINGS

- Masks are not required for singles tennis play, provided players maintain a safe 6 ft distance from others.
- Masks will continue to be required elsewhere on the SV grounds and to/from your assigned court.
- Masks will still be required for doubles play, unless all members of the group are from the same household.
- For one-to-one private lessons, masks are not required, provided a safe 6 ft distance is maintained.

TENNIS COURT USE

1. Tennis courts are for tennis playing only. No stickball, street hockey, roller blades or bikes are allowed. Only individuals playing tennis are allowed on the property. No children or family may watch or wait on the grounds while their household members are playing.
2. **COURT TIME MUST BE RESERVED IN ADVANCE** (see below).
3. **ONLY MEMBERS MAY USE THE COURTS. NO GUESTS ALLOWED.**
4. Tennis Courts 1 & 3 are open for singles or doubles, Court 2 is open for singles only.
5. Social Distance: **maintain 6+ feet distance** from any person who does not reside in your home at all times.
6. **STRICT LIMIT of 4 players on each court 1 & 3; limit of 2 players court 2.**
Max of total of 10 persons inside gated tennis courts at any time.
7. Mixed household doubles partners are now allowed.
Singles and doubles tennis play is allowed between all club members and doubles partners are no longer limited to same household. However, players need to observe 6 foot social distancing rules with players from a different household when playing doubles, while interacting with opponents, during warm-up, play, changing sides, dispute resolution, congratulations, and water breaks.
8. Players should stay on their side of court and avoid changing ends.
9. Review and follow guidance for [Playing Tennis Safely](#).
10. Bring your own tennis balls; use of lesson balls is not permitted.
11. Proper footwear (non-marking sneakers) must be worn on the tennis courts at all times.
12. Sun Valley does not supply tennis rackets.
13. All children under age 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian when on Sun Valley property.
14. Hand sanitizer will be available inside tennis gate. Please use before and after play.
Wipes will also be available. Please wipe high-touch surfaces when you are done (gate latch etc.)
15. Stay home if you or any member of your household is sick, or has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in last 14 days.
[Self report](#) if you or a household member tests positive for COVID-19.
16. [COVID-19 waiver](#) required to use the tennis courts.
17. Do not leave anything on the courts. Bring out everything you bring into the courts.

COURT RESERVATIONS

- **Courts must be reserved in advance on [Sun Valley website](#)** to avoid gatherings of players waiting for a court.
- To promote fair use, bookings may be made one week in advance only.
- Each person is limited to two court reservations on the calendar at any given time.
- Playing time is limited to one hour (unless there is no reservation following your time).
- Players should come to the facility no more than 10 minutes before reserved time. Please depart promptly.
- Anyone waiting must maintain proper distance: 6 feet and not in front of the gate.

PRIVATE LESSONS

- One on one lessons only, or up to three only if players reside in same household; Court 3 only.
- You must schedule directly with the [tennis pro](#) **AND** book Court 3 via [reservation website](#).
- Only instructor may handle balls and equipment. Ball machine strongly encouraged.
- All other rules apply: minors must be accompanied by parent/guardian; 6 foot distance required and strongly recommend instructor remains on opposite side of net.

TENNIS PRACTICE WALL

- [Advance Reservations](#) must be made for the practice wall as well.
- Each person is limited to two practice wall reservations on the calendar at any given time.
- Limited to one person on each side of the practice wall (one person on Side A, one person on Side B).
- Must maintain 6+ feet distance from other people who do not reside in your home, when practicing or waiting.

BASKETBALL COURTS

- **CLOSED**

GUESTS

For now, **use of the courts is restricted to members only (no guests permitted).**

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. All persons using the tennis facilities do so at their own risk. Parents are responsible for their children at all times. All children under age 16 must be accompanied by parent or guardian while on Sun Valley property.
2. The Sun Valley Associates, Inc. assumes no responsibility for any accidents or injury in connection with tennis facility use, or for loss or damage to personal property.
3. Tennis equipment may only be touched by the tennis pro and will be cleaned frequently. Ball machine encouraged for lessons. Use of unnecessary equipment such as throw-down lines will be avoided.
4. No chairs will be left in or outside the courts.
5. A replacement key is available for \$5.00. Please contact the [Manager](#) for a replacement key if you lose yours.

YOUR HEALTH

- **Stay home if you are sick** (or if anyone in your house is sick) and avoid close contact with others.
- If you are an older person or have a serious underlying health condition, stay home and away from other people.
- **Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds** (use hand sanitizer when washing is not possible).
- **Avoid touching** your eyes, nose and mouth.
- **Clean frequently touched items/surfaces** with household cleaning spray or wipes.
- **Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze.** Use a tissue or your inner elbow, not your hands.
- **Notify Sun Valley if you or a family member is diagnosed with COVID-19 after having used the facilities.**

Visit these websites for updated information and guidance:

- [cdc.gov/covid19](https://www.cdc.gov/covid19)
- [mass.gov/covid19](https://www.mass.gov/covid19)
- [coronavirus.gov](https://www.coronavirus.gov)
- [lexingtonma.gov](https://www.lexingtonma.gov)

THE GENERAL MANAGER CAN REVOKE COURT PRIVILEGES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY IF ABUSE OF RULES OR COURTS ARE SEEN OR REPORTED.

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