

City of West University Place

Tennis & Pickleball Court Rules and Regulations

Effective: October 1, 2022

General:

The Parks and Recreation Director, or his/her designated personnel, acting under the direction of the Director of Parks and Recreation, has responsibility for all matters relating to play on the WUP municipal tennis and pickleball courts. The Parks and Recreation Director, or his/her designee may refuse privileges to anyone who violates these rules and regulations.

Tennis and pickleball players are required to familiarize themselves, their families and their guests with the rules and regulations for play on West University Place (WUP) tennis and pickleball courts prior to play.

The Parks and Recreation Director, or his/her designated personnel, has the authority to reserve the use of any WUP municipal tennis/pickleball court(s) for lessons, tournaments, exhibitions, special matches or any other appropriate use.

General Tennis & Pickleball Court Policies:

Judson Tennis Court (1), and Pickleball Courts (2), 4201 Judson

Colonial Park East Tennis Courts (1), 4130 Byron

Colonial Park West Tennis Courts (1), 4130 Byron

Wier Park East Tennis Court (1), and Pickleball Court (1), 3012 Nottingham

Wier Park West Tennis Court (1), and Pickleball Court (1), 3012 Nottingham

- West University Place residents have priority use of all tennis and pickleball courts
- Only sneakers or tennis shoes are allowed on tennis/pickleball courts.
- Players are expected to wear appropriate tennis/pickleball attire.
- The following are strictly forbidden:
 - Bicycles, rollerblades, skateboards, hover boards, and like equipment
 - Pets/animals– Ord. Sec. 14-16.
 - Games or ball playing of any kind, other than tennis or pickleball
 - Food or beverages, other than water or sports drinks
 - Glass containers
 - All tobacco products
 - Excessive noise, racquet throwing and profanity.
 - No tennis/pickleball instruction/ professional use allowed unless the instructor has a current Special Facility Use Permit on file with the City of West U Parks and Recreation Department. – Ord. Sec. 58-80.
 - Special Facility Use Permittees must display permit in the designated location for the duration of the session.
- Anyone not playing tennis or pickleball must not be on the court.
- Tennis ball cans and other debris should be placed in the waste receptacles provided.
- Pickleball nets erected for pickleball play should be taken down and properly stored at the

- end of each reservation period, which should be facilitated by the players that erected the net.
- Tennis/pickleball court hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Tennis & Pickleball Court Reservation Policies:

- Reservations can be made online, by phone, or in person at the Recreation Center located at 4210 Bellaire Blvd. for residents that possess current tennis/pickleball memberships.
- Only one (1) tennis membership will be sold per household. Membership holders must be West University Place Residents and proof of residency is required on an annual basis.
- West University Place Residents who do not possess a tennis membership may reserve tennis courts in-person at the Recreation Center, 4210 Bellaire Blvd or online at www.westutx.gov/tennis. Proof of residency is required to make reservations. Residency for online reservations may be required upon request at any time.
- Non-Residents of West University Place are not permitted to reserve court times or continue play during a reserved time without a resident present.
- A household may reserve courts at Judson Park, Wier Park East and Colonial Park for a maximum of three (3) hours within a 72-hour period. The three hours may be used in lengths of time from a minimum of 30 minutes to a maximum of 1.5 hours (exception: Wier Court West – see next item below for specific Wier Court information.).
- Wier Park Tennis/Pickleball Courts- Reservations made at the Wier Park West Tennis/Pickleball Court may be for a maximum of two hours for any one reservation/per household. Wier Park East Tennis Court may be made for a maximum of 1.5 hours for any one reservation/per household.
- Colonial Park Tennis Court and Judson Park Tennis & Pickleball Courts - Reservations made at Colonial Park Tennis Court & Judson Park Tennis & Pickleball Court may be made for a maximum of 1.5 hours for any one reservation.
- **Cancellations:** Reservations must be cancelled at least 2 hours prior to the reserved start time. Nonmembers will receive credit for timely cancellations, to apply to a future reservation. Non-members will not receive refund if not cancelled 2 hours in advance. Members who do not show up on a reserved court or have repeatedly failed to cancel a reservation will be subject to suspension of tennis membership. See below in policy violations section for additional information.
Exception: if a rainout occurs during your reservation, or within the two hour window as noted in the cancellation section above, then you may reschedule your reservation to an alternate date/time within 48 hours/72 hours depending on if you are a tennis/pickleball membership holder.
- **Online Reservations** made for both tennis/pickleball members and non-members will be confirmed via email with a receipt listing the date/time/court of the reservation.
- **Phone-In Reservations** made by tennis/pickleball members will be confirmed via email with a receipt listing the date/time/court of the reservation.
- **In-person Reservations** are allowed for tennis/pickleball members and resident/non-members. A receipt will be provided at the time the reservation is made.
- **Confirmation of reservation (hard copy or electronic), along with ID, must be available with you during reserved play and presented to City staff if requested. The confirmation also helps if someone is playing on the court during your reserved time, as you can show proof that you have the court reserved if needed.**

- Walk-on play may continue for no more than 30 minutes when other West University Place residents are waiting to use the court when no reservations are in force. Walk-on users should be prepared to show proof of residency. If a resident/tennis/pickleball member has confirmation of a reservation, all walk-on play must cease at the time stated on the reservation receipt.

Tennis Lessons- Trial Policy Effective: October 1, 2022

Tennis/Pickleball Pros/Instructors (“Pros”) Pros may not teach private and semi-private lessons (max 4 people) on West U courts without obtaining an approved Special Facility Use Permit from the Parks and Recreation Department. Pro must follow the terms specified in the permit, and if any violations occur, the pros permit may be revoked and they may be fined up to \$500.00 per incident per Ordinance 58-80.

- Simultaneous lessons on multiple courts will not be allowed by pros.
- Pros may not make reservations in a tennis membership holder’s name.
- Pros are limited in the number of back-to-back lessons allowed per day. No more than 1.5 hours of consecutive instructional time without a 1 hour break in between.
- Pro must display permit while using the courts for paid activities.

Note: Neil Harrison is the City’s official group lesson Tennis Pro. Anyone signing up for these lessons must register through the City, and these lesson times will be reserved by staff in concert with the Parks and Recreation Department’s programming.

Residents using an instructor or pro. Residents who wish to make a reservation and play with a permitted pro, must make a reservation. The resident must complete all required fields when reserving the tennis court to include pro/instructor name, additional players taking the lesson (max of 4 permitted).

Resident must participate during the lesson and may not turn over the court to non-reservation holders for additional lessons. Resident must have a confirmed reservation receipt during any lesson with an instructor, and show ID if requested by staff.

Tennis/Pickleball Reservation Prices:

Note: Senior refers to residents ages 65 & over.

Resident Tennis/Pickleball Reservation Membership	\$200/YR
Senior Tennis/Pickleball Reservation Membership	\$100/YR
Resident Tennis/Pickleball Reservation Membership Discount with Rec Center Membership	\$120/YR
Senior Resident Tennis/Pickleball Reservation Membership Discount with Rec Center Membership	\$60/YR

Resident Tennis/Pickleball Fee Per Reservation	\$6 /per reservation
Senior Resident Tennis/Pickleball Fee Per Reservation	\$3/per reservation

Policy Violations:

Any violations of the general and reservation policies will be penalized on a 3-strike basis. In particular, the following will not be tolerated:

- Foul, improper or disrespectful language
- Tennis/pickleball Court Abuse
- Intimidation/Violence
- Failing to yield a court per reservation and walk-up policies

3-Strike Policy:

Penalties range from verbal warning to revoking of tennis court privileges. Strikes will be given at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Department. More than one strike can be given for a single infraction.

Strike 1: The offender will be issued a verbal warning as well as a written citation for documentation.

Strike 2: The offender will lose membership or court privileges for a length of time determined at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Department, up to a maximum of one year.

- Members: suspension of membership for up to one year (can retain non-member status during suspension; as a non-member will be at Strike 1).
- Non-members - loss of court privileges for up to one year.

Strike 3: The offender will be subject to sanctions indefinitely

- Members: (applies after reinstatement of membership) - indefinite suspension of membership (can retain non-member privileges; as a non-member will be at Strike 2)
- Non-Members - indefinite loss of court privileges.

Pro/Instructor Policy Violations:

Pro/Instructor Violations:

- Permit may be revoked.
- Fines up to \$500.00 per incident may be imposed per City Ordinance, Sec. 58-80. Commercial Activities and Concessions Prohibited; See Section 4. Penalty; Notice:
 - a. A violation of this ordinance shall be a Class C misdemeanor, and the penalty for violating this ordinance shall be a fine not exceeding five hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$500.00) for each offense.

Resident Violations pertaining to Pro/Instructor use:

- See three strike policy above. Offender may lose membership or court privileges as determined by the Parks and Recreation Department.