

OLDE ENGLAND LAKE TENNIS MEMO

At the August Homeowners meeting, it was decided to add a Tennis Committee to the Board of Directors. Kristie Long and Janet Rosenfield are the Co-Chairs of this committee. Items discussed that needed addressing were:

1. Rules and Regulations on the use of the Tennis Courts.  
The Rules and Regulations have been adopted by the Committee and are included with this mailing.

2. Equipment - the following court equipment has been approved for purchase:
  - 2 Scoreboards
  - 4 benches
  - 1 sign-up board
  - 2 squeegees
  - 2 valet units
  - 2 court numbers

The equipment will be purchased at separate times to ensure we stay within the allotted budget. To ensure that this equipment is not stolen or that the courts are not used for anything other than tennis, a combination lock will be installed.

3. Drainage problem  
A landscaper was brought out to the tennis courts to assess the drainage problem that has already caused damage to the court surface. His suggestion was that in order to do the job properly, we should wait until the courts needed to be re-surfaced and then run new drainage lines at that time.
4. Lessons for interested homeowners and community events  
We have found a tennis pro that is willing to come to our subdivision and give beginner lessons to children and adults. If this is something you are interested in, please email the tennis committee. The lessons will be once a week, probably not starting until after the first of the year. Adult lessons will be in the evening, and the children's lessons will take place at the most convenient time for families, but before 6PM. Please email us at [oeltennis@yahoo.com](mailto:oeltennis@yahoo.com) if you are interested. If you are signing up a child, we will need to know the age of your child and what time is most convenient for you.

Our hope is to have at least one ALTA team this spring, and to hold some neighborhood round robins during the summer months.

If you are interested in helping out on the tennis committee, please email Janet and Kristie at: [oeltennis@yahoo.com](mailto:oeltennis@yahoo.com)

# **OLDE ENGLAND LAKE TENNIS COURT RULES**

## **1. General Rules:**

- a. Respect other players as they play or practice
- b. Courts are for the express purpose of playing or practicing tennis.
- c. No skates, skateboards, in-line skates, bikes, riding toys, hockey or other activities will be permitted on the tennis courts.
- d. No street shoes are allowed on courts. Only tennis shoes may be worn.
- e. No pets are allowed on the courts.
- f. Sitting, pushing or pulling on tennis nets is prohibited.
- g. Courts are not to be used before 7:00 a.m. or after 11:00 p.m.
- h. Any of these rules may be changed or modified by the Tennis Committee and the Board of Directors.
- i. If you are the last person to leave the courts at night, please
  - Turn off all lights
  - Ensure tennis gates are locked..

## **2. Formation of Tennis Teams**

- a. Any homeowner desiring to organize a tennis team to participate in ALTA, USTA, or T2 competition, and use the Olde England tennis courts for such competition, may do so under the following terms and conditions:
  - i. The organizer of such team must designate himself or herself as the captain of the team so organized, and shall be personally responsible to the Olde England Tennis committee for the compliance of these terms and conditions, and shall see that each team member complies with the Olde England Tennis Committee for the compliance of these terms and conditions.
  - ii. Prior to organizing such a team, the organizer must notify the tennis Committee and notify each homeowner by a posting at the Olde England Community sign up board, located at the tennis courts or by flyer with the following information:
    1. That plans are being made to organize an ALTA or USTA team.
    2. The level of play for which application is being made.
    3. Deadline date for signing up as a team member.
    4. The name and contact information of the person to

contact for registration.

- b. The organizer shall prepare a list of all Olde England Homeowners who responded to the notice expressing a desire to play on the team being organized. The list should include the member's name, home telephone number, email address, and business and cell telephone numbers, if applicable. A copy of this list shall be forwarded to the Tennis Committee.
- c. If, after having given the Olde England Homeowners an opportunity to sign up for the ALTA or USTA team being organized, and the organizer does not have a sufficient number of club members to field an ALTA or USTA team, the organizer may recruit outside the community to the extent necessary to complete a roster.
- d. A completed ALTA or USTA team roster for each team which is organized must be submitted to the Tennis Committee before the team will be permitted to reserve the tennis courts for ALTA or USTA play or practice.
- e. If it is necessary for the organizer to recruit out of the Olde England Community, in order to complete a roster, the completed roster must be approved by the Tennis Committee prior to it being submitted to ALTA or USTA.
- f. The non-community team ALTA or USTA team members shall be permitted to use the tennis facilities only during its team events (team practice, team lessons and team play).
- g. A non-community team member must pay a fee of \$20.00 per season of play for each league (i.e. Spring, Summer, etc. / ALTA, USTA, etc.). This fee shall be charged to the team captain and shall be payable to the Olde England Homeowners Assoc. by the team captain.

**3. Court Use by Member ALTA, USTA and/or other League Teams:**

- a. A complete ALTA, USTA or any other organized league roster must be submitted to the Tennis Committee for each team which is organized to play on Olde England courts before the team will be permitted to reserve the tennis courts for play or practices.
- b. Olde England Tennis Committee will reserve 2 courts for each home ALTA, USTA, or any other organized league match. Requests for reservations for the courts for ALTA, USTA or other league practice or matches must be submitted to the Tennis Director.
- c. Make-up matches (of rained-out home matches only) take precedence over any team's practice during the last week of the season. The Captain of a make-up match team must communicate their plans as far in advance as possible to the captain of the practice team and the Tennis Committee.

**4. Tennis Court Reservation Procedures:**

- a. Sign up for the court use can be no more than forty eight (48) hours in advance; however, ALTA, USTA, or T-2 matches, ALTA or USTA practices, ALTA or USTA team lessons, must be signed up as soon as scheduled.

- b. Players not signing up in advance must sign up before beginning play.
- c. If signed up players fail to show up within ten (10) minutes of their starting time, any member may sign up and play for the one and one-half (1 ½) hour time period.
- d. Players cannot sign up for more than one and one-half hour (1 ½) of court time in succession. ALTA or USTA matches, ALTA or USTA practices and club tournament matches may exceed this time limit and will take precedence for completion of all matches.
- e. Advance sign up limitations:
  - Weekends and holidays, only adults (18 years and over) may sign up in advance.
  - Late afternoon on school days, Juniors (grades 1-12) may sign up in advance. Juniors may sign up as early as 3:30 p.m. but must finish play by 6:30 p.m.
- f. If no one has signed up in advance both adults and juniors may sign up at the beginning of play and play for 1 ½ hours and cannot be bumped off for any reason (outside of rules violations). Anyone playing on a court who has not signed up to play may be bumped by any member who has signed up to play on that court.
- g. If reserving the courts for a lesson or lessons, do not exceed **ONE AND A HALF HOUR (1 ½)** time limit (this includes families taking a series of lessons).

**5. Court Maintenance and Clean-up:**

- a. Periodic maintenance may be required for the courts. Such time frames for maintenance will be designated on the reservation sheet. Players are to refrain from being on the courts during the entire maintenance period designated including the time when no maintenance personnel are on the courts (this will allow the proper time for products like paint and caulk to dry or settle before play is resumed).
- b. Each member and/or Captain of each member team must clean up the tennis courts and surrounding court area after each league play, practice or lesson. A large garbage can is located near the courts. Empty all garbage cans on the courts into this large garbage can. For safety purposes make sure all tennis balls, tennis cans, and metal lids are disposed of properly after play.