



BAYVIEW VILLAGE TENNIS CLUB - RULES AND REGULATIONS

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1. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

- a. *Adult members* are over 18 years old as of January 1st of the current BVTC tennis season.
- b. *Junior members* are 18 or under as of January 1st of the current BVTC tennis season.

2. DRESS CODE

- a. Proper and appropriate tennis attire must be worn at BVTC all the time. Shirts must be worn on the tennis courts, in the clubhouse, and on tennis club property; no exceptions.
- b. Only non-marking shoes are allowed on the tennis courts.
- c. For the protection of players and the court surface, shoes with sole protrusions (ribs), cleats, heels, jogging, and running shoes are not permitted on the tennis courts.
- d. Casual shoes and sandals are not permitted on the courts.

3. MEMBERSHIP IDENTIFICATION

- a. Only paid-up members are allowed on the tennis courts. Executive directors/attendants on duty may ask for player identification to ensure membership compliance.
- b. Guests are not allowed on tennis courts or BVTC property.

4. HOURS OF PLAY

- a. As per the city of Toronto permit, the tennis club opens at 8 am and closes at 11 pm. Anyone playing prior to 8 am is in violation of the city of Toronto permit and will be in violation of membership status.
- b. Public Hours: will be posted on the front gate.



5. COURT BOOKING

- a. The club uses an online booking system.
- b. Members are required to book courts and to ensure that the names on their bookings match the players on the court.
- c. Singles and doubles play have the same priority.
- d. A booked court is held for **15 minutes**. If the members do not arrive on the court within 15 minutes of their court start time, the booking is forfeited, and the court becomes available to other players.
- e. Members who do not show up to play on courts they booked will be recorded as "**no-shows.**" Multiple no-shows may result in the temporary suspension of the booking and therefore playing privileges.
- f. The club attendant on duty will ensure that members abide by court bookings and rotation rules.
- g. Members may book 7 days in advance beginning @ 7:30 am.
- h. Members are allowed to book up to 2hrs at any given time.

6. COURTS

- a. For safety and insurance reasons, only three balls are permitted on a court, except for lessons conducted by the club professionals.
- b. Members are asked not to walk behind players while a game is in progress. To retrieve a ball from another court, wait until the players have completed the point and ask them to return your ball.
- c. To return a ball to another court, wait for a break in play or roll it to the back of their court along the fence. *NEVER* roll a ball onto a court while play is in progress.
- d. The ringing of cell phones during play is annoying and distracting. Cell phones on the court should be turned off.
- e. Players may play only on dry courts. In the case of inclement weather, players must exit the courts when directed to do so by the Club Staff.



7. CLUB PROPERTY/CLUBHOUSE

- a. The tennis club or the City of Toronto does not provide full-time maintenance staff.
- b. BVTC attendants continuously monitor court usage while providing essential housekeeping duties and maintenance.
- c. Members are asked for their cooperation in helping to keep courts safe from vandalism and unauthorized use of courts.
- d. When leaving, members are asked to remove any garbage, food, drinks, clothes, towels, cans, or balls from the courts to ensure a safe and clean environment.

8. ETIQUETTE

- a. The highest level of sportsmanship, courtesy, and fair play is expected at BVTC. Aggressive or intimidating behaviour toward other members, executive directors, or attendants will not be tolerated and will be a violation of club membership.
- b. Abusive language is strictly prohibited at BVTC. Members who participate in organized games, e.g., round robins and tournaments, do so by choice and are therefore expected to play with and be respectful to all players.
- c. Smoking/vaping is not permitted on club property or surrounding grounds. Smokers are asked to show consideration by smoking away from the entrance to the club.
- d. Food is not permitted on the courts, but beverages in spill-proof, non-glass containers are permitted.
- e. The City of Toronto Parks and Recreation prohibits alcohol consumption on tennis club property.
- f. Non-tennis activities, including but not limited to the following, are not permitted on the courts: skateboards, scooters, roller blades, balls other than tennis & pickle balls.
- g. Animals and pets are not permitted on BVTC property, including the clubhouse or the courts.



9. TENNIS LESSONS

- a. For insurance reasons and tennis club policy, only members of the club are eligible to receive lessons. Individuals must be fully paid members prior to receiving tennis lessons.
- b. Only the club tennis pro, his/her assistants, or instructors approved by the executives are authorized to conduct tennis lessons at BVTC.
- c. Court 6 is used for members' lessons and clinics and must be released if asked by the tennis pro or his/her staff.

10. PROGRAMS

HOUSE LEAGUE

- a. All good-standing adult members may participate in the house league and play matches.
- b. Members who choose to sign up for the house league are expected to play as assigned by team captains.
- c. Failure to do so constitutes a breach of courtesy and can result in revoking house league privileges.
- d. All members must follow [House League Rules](#).

INTERCOUNTY TEAMS

- a. All adult members in good standing may try out for a spot on an intercounty team by contacting the intercounty captains.
- b. Only members in good standing can play intercounty matches.

TOURNAMENTS

- a. Only adult members in good standing are eligible to participate in tournaments.



SOCIAL ROUND ROBINS

- a. Only adult members in good standing are eligible to participate in Club Round Robins.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

- a. All complaints are to be put in writing and sent to askbvtc@gmail.com.
- b. BVTC will respond to the complaint within 21 days by initially contacting the complainant.
- c. If the discussion with the complainant resolves the matter, the file is to be closed, but the record is kept.
- d. If the matter warrants more than closing the file, a written warning, or a playing privilege suspension of up to one week, BVTC is to call a hearing, if necessary.
- e. The Executive Board will make its decision within 7 days of the hearing.
- f. The decision will be in writing. The decision is final. There is no appeal.

Executive Directors
Bayview Village Tennis Club