

# The Shelter Island Heights Property Owners Corporation

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## Revised Tennis Policy

### Background

For about a century, the Heights has maintained two tennis courts, which were resurfaced as Har-Tru some years ago. In 2000, we replaced the 'shack' with a new structure, installed a solar powered irrigation system, and contracted with an outside company to open and close the courts each spring and fall.

### Management

Richard O'Connell has managed the courts for about 40 years, and we supplemented Richard's efforts by bringing in Moussa Drame Tennis (MDT).

Consistent with the Heights and the Island philosophy, the fewer rules, regulations, and constraints imposed, the better. Nevertheless, certain behaviors can damage this valuable Heights asset; hence common sense, common courtesy, and well-mannered tennis behavior should always prevail.

### Court Usage

There are three seasons; 1) a Pre-season, which begins after the courts are opened in the spring, but before the Summer Season – roughly May and June, 2) the Summer Season – July and August, and 3) the Post-season – September through November. The courts are usually closed by November 30<sup>th</sup>. While Richard O'Connell is responsible for the Pre- and Post-season, the Summer Season is under Moussa Drame's purview.

As with the global interest in tennis, the usage of the courts has ebbed and flowed over the years. For the past decade or so, the courts have been used heavily by about a dozen steadfast players who book times for the entire season. These members are considered our core and their times carry forward each year.

There are three ways to obtain tennis play time. Ideally players reserve times by the hour (or a particular hour for a series of days or weeks), by calling MDT or players can come by and choose a time on a sign-up sheet. Finally, players may take the risk that courts will not be occupied and simply show up and play.

No player may reserve a block of time (more than a sequential hour at a time on a particular day). Heights members, as the owners of the courts, have priority to utilize them. For purposes of definition, Heights members are defined as private resident members of the Heights, principals of corporate/LLC members of the Heights, individual members of family trusts members of the Heights, principals/owners of commercial members of the Heights. If Heights members or other scheduled players are not using the tennis courts, the courts are open to the public.

### Behavior and Dress

While 'whites' have gone the way of the buggy whip, appropriate attire is required. Whites are still preferred. Halter tops and 'undershirts' are prohibited. Common sense and attire that is deemed appropriate by the Tennis Manager (or his/ her delegate) will be required.

Footwear is especially important. Flat soled tennis shoes are required. Hard soled shoes, boots, flip flops, and bare feet are harmful to the court surface (not to mention the players' feet and knees) and are never permitted.

The courts should be swept following each use, and are generally available for use 2-3 hours after it rains. Playing earlier than 2 to 3 hours after it rains is likely to damage the surface. If it rains overnight, the courts are prepared early the following morning (5 a.m.) in order to be available for play that day. Courts should not be used if they are slick.

**Fees**

Daily Rentals	Week Days	Week Ends
	\$20 per hour	\$25 per hour
Seasonal Rates	Residents	Non-Residents
Week Days - Summer	\$140	\$165
Week Ends - Summer	\$175	\$200
Pre- and Post-Season	\$75	\$75

**Reserving Court Time/ Cancellation Policy**

During the Summer Season, court times, lessons, and clinics may be reserved/ arranged by calling MDT at 631-749-0799 or Moussa's cell at 917-209-6615. Please be precise regarding your needs (e.g., court reservations vs. court and pro/ lesson).

For Pre- and Post-season arrangements, contact Richard O'Connell at 914-787-0344.

Last minute cancellations and 'no shows' will still be required to pay the above-captioned fees.

The Heights Tennis Courts have been an integral part of our Heights traditions for as long as we can remember. We hope that you all have fun!

The Recreation Committee

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