

# Tennis Rules: Some Questions and Answers

## For New Tennis Club Members

Q 1 I just finished playing from 9:00 – 10:00 on Monday, I want to play again tomorrow (Tuesday). Can I sign up for a 9:00 game tomorrow?

A1 If you just finished (and it's around 10:15), you **may not** sign up (yet). Rule 1 says you may not sign up to play on consecutive days right after you finish playing. However, if you come back after 3 p.m. , and the time slot is still open, you may reserve it, by writing your name(s) in the slot(s) **and** the time you wrote the names down (which must be after 3:00p.m.). [A3 Rule]

Q2 As above in Q1 above what if we want to sign up for the same time (right after you finished playing on Monday) for either, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday?

A2 Yes, you may sign up for a 9:00 court for any one of those days, because you're not reserving for the day after you played (i.e. consecutive days). [You played on Monday, so you may reserve a court for any day except Tuesday.] Remember, you may only reserve a Prime Time slot twice in any one week.

Q3 What's the story with "Prime Time"?

A3 Prime Time is when a lot of people want to play. It's from 7:30 to 12:00. The club wants to give as many players as possible a chance to get into these four time slots (7:30-9:00; 9-10; 10-11:00; and 11 :00-12:00).

Q4 May I sign up for 9:00a.m. on Monday and 3:00p.m. on Monday at the same time?

A4 Yes, that's one Prime Time and one Non-Prime Time slot.

Q5 May I sign up for this Monday at 9:00, next Monday at 9:00 and on and on, if the pages are in the reservation book?

A5 No; Rule 1 says you must complete play before signing up for the same time slot.

Q6 May I go over on Sunday and sign up for 10:00a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday?

A6 No, those are consecutive days; but you may sign up for either of those days.

Q7 Why do we have to wait until after 3:00p.m. to sign up for the same time period for consecutive days?

A7 This gives other players a chance for that (good) Prime Time. If no one has signed up by 3:00, then you may sign up.....[A3 Rule]

Q8 If I was signed up for 10:00 on Wednesday (and played), may I play at 10:00 on Thursday as a last minute substitute for someone?

A8 Yes, if you scratch out the other person's name and write your name in. Do not erase the other person's name or it will look like you signed up (illegally) for two consecutive days. But, you better not be caught "prearranging" this stuff or you will suffer public humiliation.....

Q9 May I sign up (in advance) and play on Saturday and Sunday at the same time?

A9 Yes, the weekends are free-for-all times.....

Q10 If I was signed up (and played) at 2:00 on Wednesday, when I finish, may I sign up for 9:00 on Thursday? What if I showed up at ten minutes 'till 2:00 on Wednesday and noticed that the 9:00 Thursday slot was open. May I sign up even before I play on Wednesday?

A10 Yes, to either scenario.

Q11 May I play in two Registered Groups?

A11 You may only play in only one Registered Group as one of the regular, official eight players. However, you may play as a substitute in as many Registered Groups as you like.

Q12 What time do the Clinics end?

A 12 12:30p.m.

Q13 If I sign up for 9:00 and nobody is signed up for the 7:30 – 9:00 slot, may I start my play at 8:00? What if someone is playing or practicing at 8:00 and they didn't sign up?

A13 If no one is on the courts, you may start play at any time prior to your 9:00 sign up time. If players are on the courts when you show up, you should give them the courtesy of allowing them to continue their play until your (official) sign up time.

Q14 If you hit the ball into the pool, do you have to go get it?

A14 You may if you want to, but Pat Cardone will be glad to fetch the ball for you...

Q15 How do the Summer Rules get into effect?

A15 At the discretion of the President, a pre-announced Tiki Hut informal discussion may establish the summer "rules/schedule".

Q16 May the President extend the Summer Rules until the end of the week if October 14<sup>th</sup> is in the middle of the week?

A16 Yes

Q17 May a Registered Group sign up for a Prime Time slot?

A17 No

Q18 If I sign up to play at 9:00a.m. on Friday and get there a little early, and 9:00a.m. Monday is open, may I immediately sign up for it, even though I haven't yet played (and it's next week)?

A18 No; Monday is the next consecutive Prime Time day. [But if you come back after 3:00, you may sign up using the A3 Rule].

Q19 The 7:30 – 9:00 “no sign up, round robin” vote at the October 2014 meeting allowed that procedure to be followed for how long?

A19 Until the October 2015 meeting.

Q20 Does the Activities Coordinator have to buy donuts from Dixie Cream Donuts? Are there any limits on the number of apple fritters? How come there aren't more raspberry filled donuts?

A20 What?

Q21 May a Club member allow a family member or house guest to use the courts?

A21 No; this is a Wynne Corporation rule.

Q22 If a spectator sees an obvious bad call, what should he/she do?

A22 Nothing; please stay quiet (an etiquette issue). We all try to make honest calls, even if we miss a few, things will even out eventually.....

Q23 How do we change a Rule?

A23 By common consent we have agreed that any Rule change will be brought up at one meeting and voted on at the next meeting.

Q24 Does a foursome sign up have to have individual signatures, or can one person list all four names?

A24 One person can sign up all four (or eight) players.

Q25 If I play as a substitute on Thursday at 10:00, may I sign up for a Friday 10:00 group?

A25 Yes, but Big Brother be watching the honesty issue.....

Q26 If I play at 9:00 on Tuesday (after having signed-up) may I sign-up for anytime Thursday or Friday?

A26 Yes, you may sign up for anything on those days because you are not affected by the consecutive days rule, **provided that** you have not already played from a sign-up on Monday. Playing, as signed-up on both Monday and Tuesday completes your two day limit on per week Prime Time sign-ups. [Rule 1]

Q27 If I'm scheduled to play at 10:00 on Monday, and arrive a little early, may I sign up for Friday at 9:00.

A27 No; you must complete a Prime Time play before signing up for any other Prime Time in the same week. [Rule 1]