



TOWN OF LINCOLN

Middlesex County...Massachusetts

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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LINCOLN TENNIS COURTS RULES AND REGULATIONS

The courts were built by the Town of Lincoln for the use of Lincoln residents. The Recreation Committee has instituted certain regulations for their use. It is hoped that the spirit as well as the letter of these regulations will be observed so that all may share the courts on a fair basis. The courts are open from May through October, depending upon the weather.

USE OF THE COURTS

1. A current 2009 tennis sticker is required for all Lincoln residents and employees of the town. Stickers must be renewed every calendar year and are valid from May through October.
2. **Please do not play on the courts when they are soft and wet.**
3. Bicycles and dogs are prohibited from the courts.
4. The courts may be used on a first come, first serve basis except when the Recreation Department sponsors tournaments, matches, instruction (see monthly calendar), or closes the courts for upkeep.
5. Instruction and tournament play not sponsored by the Recreation Department is prohibited.
6. Players and spectators are expected to behave in a courteous manner at all times. Arguing, shouting, verbal or physical threats, or any other form of disruptive or intimidating behavior shall not be tolerated.
7. When all courts are in use and others are waiting to play, singles play must be limited to 1 hour and doubles to 1½ hours in total. The court should then be offered to those having waited the longest. If there are people waiting, no court should be tied up by 2 or 3 players rallying while awaiting others to complete their group.
8. Non-residents may play *only* with their Lincoln hosts, unless they purchase stickers.
9. There may be a monitor checking stickers at various times during the week.
10. In general, players are expected to do their part to keep the courts and sideline areas in good condition and free of debris. Please use the trash barrel for any and all garbage. Good sportsmanship is expected at all times. Please do not disrupt play by walking across the court being used, or by making any unnecessary noise.
11. Anyone found to be in violation of these polices will be asked to leave the courts immediately, and may, at the discretion of the Recreation Committee, have their membership terminated.

CARE OF THE COURTS

1. Two courts are lighted for night play. The switch is located on the small shed near the bulletin board. When the light bulb is illuminated, simply press the red button directly below the bulb and the lights will stay on until 10:00 pm.
2. Only tennis shoes (soft rubber soles with no heels or treads) are to be worn on the courts.
3. Please sweep the court after use. When brushing, begin at the outside and work toward the center in a spiral motion.
4. The Recreation Department reserves the right to close the courts for upkeep or at any other times when conditions are unfavorable for play.