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Policy 2020-07

Ball Machine Use during COVID-19 Pandemic for GTBVC Members

This policy is effective from July 16, 2020. It supersedes the policy 2015-06 Ball Machine Policy during the COVID-19 Pandemic and applies to all tennis members at the Garneau Tennis and Beach Volleyball Club.

All members that wish to use the ball machine must acknowledge that they have read and understand this policy as stated.

1. General Policies (“GP”)

GP1

Garneau Tennis and Beach Volleyball Club (GTBVC) has a ball machine at the GTBVC facility that can be used by all tennis members for free, subject to advance reservation

GP2

The ball machine is to be used on court #7 only, with the curtain drawn. To use the ball machine, Court #7 must be booked using the Skedda scheduling system, and under “Who Are You Playing With”, indicate “Ball Machine”.

GP3

All players using the ball machine must check in with GTBVC staff prior to, and after, using the ball machine.

GP3.1

The ball machine is not available to guests or non-members currently.

GP3.2

If a member doesn't know how to use the ball machine, they must ask GTBVC staff for help.

2. Policies for Ball Machine Use

BMU1

Members shall not handle the balls directly with their hands. Balls shall be picked up with the wire basket only.

BMU2

Ball machine balls shall not be used for practicing serves or for any other purpose different from a ball machine practice.

BMU3

Members are to inform a staff member when they are done using the ball machine so that the machine, basket, and any other touched surfaces can be wiped down with sanitizing solution.

BMU4

Players must use the ball machine if they have reserved the court for ball machine use, i.e. regular (non-ball machine) play is not allowed. However, serves may be practiced for a portion of the time.

BMU5

The ball machine should be put away and all the tennis balls (check for balls outside the court area and behind the screens, as well) should be picked up and returned to the ball machine hopper by the end of the scheduled time.

BMU6

The ball machine cannot be used during peak hours, which is defined as Monday to Friday, 5 pm to 8 pm.

BMU7

Tennis balls located in designated area for ball machine use ONLY. This means no one will be allowed to use these tennis balls for anything else such as practice, drilling with another player, etc.

BMU9

Members who use the ball machine are responsible for collecting the balls and returning the ball machine to the shed, at the end of their practice

BMU10

In the event that the tennis balls are not returned or the ball machine is not returned to its proper place, or the office staff is not informed of the end of ball machine practice, there will be a charge of \$25.

BMU11

No one is allowed to use their personal ball machine at any GTBVC court or bring their own tennis balls to use with GTBVC ball machine.