

**CITY OF PIEDMONT RECREATION DEPARTMENT
TENNIS COURT RULES AND REGULATIONS**
(Updated: December 2020)

I. DEFINITIONS:

- a. Decaled Player: A player with a current decal affixed to his or her racquet or in their possession.
- b. Priority: Use of courts on a preferential basis for decaled players only.
- c. Decal: Purchased through the Recreation Department and sold to residents only, decals are valid for one year (January 1st–December 31st) and establish court priority when affixed to the racquet or in their possession.
- d. Youth Player: Players 17 or under with a current youth tennis decal affixed to their racquet or in their possession.
- e. Court Monitor: Duly appointed City Official authorized to enforce the tennis court rules and regulations of the City of Piedmont.
- f. Standard Reservations: Those reservations for one court for two hours or less.
- g. Group Reservations: Those reservations for more than one court or for any number of courts for more than two hours.

II. GENERAL RULES:

- a. The City of Piedmont Department of Recreation Tennis Courts operates under a decal, priority system as approved by the Piedmont City Council and Recreation Commission. Piedmont residents are eligible to purchase decals which enable them to exercise priority use of city tennis courts as defined herein. Proof of residency may be required at time of purchase.
- b. Decals are sold on a yearly basis (January 1st–December 31st) they are not valid past the expiration date which is printed on the decal. To establish priority, decals must be current and must be in a player's possession affixed to his or her racquet.
- c. All tennis terms, playing rules or other court procedures and etiquette not defined herein are defined in the USTA Tennis Rule Book and will apply to all City of Piedmont tennis courts.
- d. Rubber soled shoes must be worn at all times.
- e. No skates, skateboards, rollerblades or bicycles are allowed to be ridden inside the fenced areas.

- f. Private, formal instruction is not allowed unless it is sponsored and/or approved by the Piedmont Recreation Department. Private lessons will be defined as use of City public tennis court for instruction with more than a reasonable number of balls. Reasonable is hereby defined as nine (9). Instruction, coaching clinics or private instruction is permitted for authorized group reservations if two or more courts at any one site are reserved, with Recreation Department approval.
- g. The weekend court monitor, city employee, city representative or designee (when on duty) is hereby empowered to interrupt the rules and cause any person or persons to be evicted for the courts for failure to follow the rules or any instructions given. The court monitor or other city designee has the authority to enforce the rules and all players shall accede to and support the monitor's interpretation of the rules. When the court monitor is not on duty any player may enforce the rules as posted.
- h. Recreation Department Programs and/or authorized programs have priority at all times. Use of the courts is based on a priority system. (See section V)
- i. The Corey Reich Tennis Center and Hampton Courts shall turn over at the top of the hour while the Park Courts and Beach Courts shall turn over at the bottom of the hour regardless of how long decaled players have been playing or how long decaled players have been waiting. Non-decaled players must relinquish their court to waiting decaled players immediately upon completion of their game in progress (maximum 5 minutes, not the set) regardless of the hour. Decaled players always have priority over non-decaled players for court time not previously reserved.
- j. Holders of a paid court reservation in possession of the reservation form may secure use of the reserved court at any time during the reservation period. The reservation form must be "in hand".

III. RESERVATIONS – FOR DECALED PLAYERS ONLY:

- a. All players with a current decal may reserve one court for up to two hours per day up to one month in advance.
- b. Tennis Court reservations can be made, by players holding a current decal, through the Recreation Department online reservation system or by phone. All reservations, including those made by phone, must be paid in full at the time they are made.
- c. Fees are developed by the Recreation Department staff and the Recreation Commission before being approved by the City Council.
- d. Reservation cancellation requests must be received by the Recreation Department 24 hours in advance of the reservation time, in order to be approved. No refunds will be issued for unused reservations. Reservations which are rained out or unused due to poor air quality will qualify for a free, equal reservation.
- e. Official Recreation Department Tennis Court Reservation forms are to be honored upon presentation, as to their location, time and date.

IV. GROUP RESERVATIONS:

- a. Group reservations may be made up to six months in advance and shall be defined as any reservation involving 2 or more courts. The Recreation Director may approve such reservations if all the following conditions are met:
 - 1. Every member of the team roster who is a resident must have purchased a current decal and at least 75% of the reserving group must be residents.
 - 2. The individual making the reservation holds a current decal.
 - 3. The standard hourly court fees are paid at the time the reservation is made and the annual (September–August) Group Reservation Permit Fee has been paid, in addition to a fee for each non-resident player on the team roster.
 - 4. A current group roster is on file with the Recreation Department office indicating group names, member names, addresses and current decal numbers.
- b. Approval or denial will be based upon availability of courts throughout the city at the requested time, the nature of the court use and staff input. If all the conditions mentioned above are not met or if the Recreation Director feels it necessary, the request will be referred to the Recreation Commission for consideration.
- c. If there are multiple group requests for the same time periods, the groups will be given a chance to resolve the conflict themselves. If they do not resolve the conflict, the matter will be referred to the Recreation Director or Commission for resolution. See next section for priority ranking.

V. PRIORITY USE OF COURTS:

- a. Uses in Priority Order
 - 1. Recreation Department Programs or Activities.
 - 2. School District Programs with advance Recreation Commission Approval.
 - 3. Group Reservations with approved reservation permit in hand.
 - 4. Decaled player with approved reservation permit in hand.
 - 5. Decaled players.
 - 6. All other players.
- b. A current decal affixed to the racquet in your possession at the court is required to establish priority.

- c. Any decaled player may demand use of any court from any non-decaled player. Players on the court will be allowed to finish only the game in progress, not the set. (Maximum 5 minutes) Immediately following the conclusion of the game in progress or 5 minutes, whichever comes first, the court must be relinquished. (Exception – Hampton – see below)
- d. Court priority for court time not pre-reserved is established when one or more players have a valid decal affixed to their racquet in their possession.

NOTE: Decaled players have automatic, immediate and absolute priority over non-decaled players. (See II. i)

VI. HAMPTON PARK COURTS:

- a. The Hampton Park courts are Youth Priority Courts.

Decaled youth players have automatic, immediate and absolute priority during non-school hours over adult players, except for court time authorized with a paid court reservation permit in hand.

- b. Non-decaled youth players have immediate and definite priority over any non-decaled adult player.
- c. Decaled adult players have priority over non-decaled youth players.
- d. One decaled youth player shall constitute priority.