

CENTRAL PARK TENNIS CENTER
RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. Daily Sign Up:

1. Begins at 6:30AM everyday Monday – Sunday (April – November).
2. Last hour of play varies by month, ranging from 2-3PM to 7-8PM, depending on the time of year.
3. Daily sign up must be done in person.
4. Players can sign up for one hour of singles (2 players) or two hours of doubles (4 players) using a Season Permit or a Single Play Ticket. You must have two players present to sign up for two hours of doubles. One for the first hour, one for the second hour.
5. Single Play Tickets are \$15 per person per hour. They are sold in the Central Park Tennis Center (and all boro offices). **Please Note- Only cash is accepted at the Central Park Tennis Center.**
6. Both players do not have to be present to sign up for a court, **but the second player MUST check in no later than 15 minutes before hour of play.**
7. Players signing up to play doubles need two players present to sign up for consecutive hours. Partners must be present and checked in at least 15 minutes before their scheduled hours of play.
8. **Players who are late checking in will lose their court.**
9. Courts that are not signed up for will be given to the next available players on the No Show List.
10. Locker permits can be purchased for \$20 at the Arsenal for the Central Park Tennis Center. *** Please note- If you purchase a locker on the main level and wish to obtain a second one, it must be in the basement Co-Ed area of the locker room.**

B. No Show List:

1. If there are no courts available, eligible players only, may sign up on the No Show List.
2. The No Show List is called 10 minutes to the hour for courts that have opened up due to no shows.
3. If the player is not present when his or her name is called, that player will be removed from the list.

C. Repeat List:

1. Players who have played for one hour and would like to play again may join the Repeat List.
2. The Repeat List will only be called after all the players on the No Show List have been assigned court time.

D. Advance Reservations:

1. Advanced Reservations can be made by permit holders only.
2. Courts may be reserved from 1 - 30 days in advance and each player can hold up to 5 active reservations.
3. Only one reservation may be made for any particular day.
4. **Both players must check in no later than 5 minutes before hour of play. If either player is late, you will lose your court and reservation.**
5. Cancellations must be made at least one day before scheduled play.
6. Rain checks will be issued if the courts are closed due to inclement weather and are valid for one year from the original reservation date.
7. Players are allowed to make one cancellation per reservation.
8. Advanced reservations may be made in person, by phone, or online:

E. Advanced Reservations – In Person:

1. Advanced reservation ticket must be presented along with your season permit.
2. Reservation tickets are \$15 and are sold at the Central Park Tennis Center, Arsenal Permit Office, Paragon Sports, and all Borough Permit Offices.
3. You can only make two reservations per day in person.

F. Advanced Reservations – Phone:

1. Monday- Friday 10AM-2PM at (212) 280-0205 ext 2
2. Must have permit and reservation number on hand.
3. You can only make one reservation per day by phone.
4. Cancellations and rain checks made by phone must be rescheduled immediately.

G. Advanced Reservations – Online:

1. Advanced reservations may be made online at www.nyc.gov/tennisreservations
2. Payments can be made with a credit card only (Visa, Mastercard, or American Express).
3. You can only make two reservations per day on-line.
4. If the courts are closed due to rain, you will receive an automated email allowing you to rebook up to one year from the original reservation date.

H. Weather Conditions and Court Availability:

1. For weather conditions and court availability, please call (212) 280-0205 ext. 1

I. On The Courts:

1. Tennis shoes are required.
2. No more than three balls permitted on the court.
3. No more than four people permitted on the court.
4. Must have minimum of two players to play on the courts at any time. No practicing serves alone.
5. Please wait for the hourly bell before entering your court.
6. Please keep your shirt on, figuratively and literally.
7. **Only players with smooth sole tennis shoes will be permitted on the courts.**
8. Attendant in charge makes final decision in court assignment or any disputes.
9. Violation of any rules or regulations will result in cancellation of the permit.
10. Tennis lessons may only be given by the concessionaire. No tennis lessons are permitted by outside pros.

J. Notes:

- The season runs from the first Saturday in April (weather permitting) until the Sunday before Thanksgiving.
- If you purchase a tennis permit late in the season, the same fees and expiration date apply:

Adults- \$200
Seniors- \$20
Juniors- \$10

NYC Parks & Recreation – Permit Office
830 Fifth Avenue at East 64th Street
(212) 360-8131/33/34

Business Hours: Mon-Fri 9AM-4PM, Sat 9AM-Noon (April and May only)

Payment: Cash, Checks, Money Orders, Mastercard, Visa, or American Express.

Proof of age required for Senior and Junior Permits

Enjoy the Tennis Season!
96th Street & Central Park West
www.nyc.gov/parks