



City of Leominster-Recreation Department

Doyle Tennis and Pickleball Court

Rules and Regulations

GENERAL INFORMATION

These rules exist for the purpose of protecting the courts from damage due to improper usage and providing an opportunity for players to use them. Each player is asked to cooperate and assist in enforcing them. Key holders are required to review and abide by the tennis etiquette and court usage rules

The courts are unlocked approximately April 1st and locked around the middle of November. These dates are tentative and could be unlocked earlier or locked later than the dates stated above, pending weather. It is up to the discretion of the Recreation Director and maintenance supervisor to determine when the courts are opened and locked for the season.

Court keys are \$30.00 for residents and \$50.00 for non-residents ages 18 and over. Senior rate for ages 65 and older will receive a \$5.00 discount. Keys are available at the Leominster Recreation Department office, 40 Barrett Parkway, during business hours Monday – Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Thursday's from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Proof of residency is required for the reduced rate. Identification will be required to obtain a key. (If you do not wish to purchase a key for the season, you may leave a \$30.00 refundable deposit for 24 hours). New keys will be issued annually. This fee pays for the cost of the locks, keys, and other court incidentals like nets. Please help secure and support our courts by purchasing a key.

Recreation Department and School activities take precedence over individual play. The Recreation Department may offer instructional clinics, classes, tournaments, league tennis and special events, at which times courts will not be available for play. We will try our best to post this information at the courts in advance.

The Recreation Department also has reserved group pickleball playing times on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4pm-7:30pm; Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 9:00am-12:00pm.

Please be considerate of others so that the courts may be enjoyed by everyone entitled to use them.

COURT RULES

1. The ethics of tennis and pickleball sportsmanship shall prevail.
2. White sole sneakers or tennis shoes only may be worn on the courts. No cleats, heels, or black soled shoes (hard shoes will scratch surface, permitting water to erode courts and black soles leave marks).
3. Courts are to be used for tennis and pickleball only. No bicycles, skates, skateboards, rollerblades, wheeled shoes, carriages, scooters, wheeled vehicles of any type, hockey or other activities permitted.
4. There is no shoveling snow or ice off the courts as it may scratch the surface.
5. No ball playing of any kind other than tennis and pickleball.
6. Please keep the gates closed at all times. You are responsible to secure and lock the gate upon entrance and departure.
7. Pets are not allowed on courts. **NO DOGS ALLOWED ON THE COURTS!**
8. Please keep the courts clean. No littering. Tennis ball cans flip top lids, beverage containers, and other debris should be placed in the trash receptacles or taken home with you.
9. Do not bring glass containers on the courts.
10. No smoking on the courts or putting out cigarettes on the courts.
11. Tennis players are limited to one hour for singles; 1 1/2 hour for doubles if others are waiting. Players may remain on the court after this time if no other players are waiting. If the courts are crowded, only doubles will be allowed.
12. Courts may not be held by one person alone if others are waiting.

13. Any usage requiring exclusive reservation for more than one tennis set requires a special use permit issued by the Recreation Department.
14. All court rules, regulations and courtesies shall be observed.
15. No tennis or pickleball lessons for a fee at this facility. No persons shall use the courts or any City property for personal gain or for profit.
16. Tournaments are not allowed with outside groups if they do not hold a court key.
17. Due to the close proximity of our courts, courtesy and safety, a maximum of six (6) balls shall be used on any court when other people are playing, except for City approved tennis instructors.
18. Non-players must stay out of the court area at all times.
19. Sitting, pushing, or pulling on nets is prohibited. This is damaging to the nets.
20. Climbing on, hitting, or kicking balls into, or running into fences and nets is prohibited.
21. All courts are available on a first-come, first-served basis unless special permits are issued or scheduled activities. If the courts are crowded, only doubles will be allowed.
22. The use of profane or obscene language is not permitted. Rough play, throwing racquets or abusive conduct is not permitted.
23. If you allow children under the age of 18 the use of your key, you are responsible for educating them on the rules and etiquette.
24. If you allow anyone the use of the courts under your key, you are responsible for ensuring they follow the rules and keep the gate closed.

TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL ETIQUETTE

1. Players are requested to always observe tennis and pickleball etiquette and be considerate of players on adjoining courts. All tennis and pickleball court rules, regulations and courtesies shall be observed.
2. Pickleball has been given permission by the Recreation Commission to chalk the first two tennis courts after tennis matches have ended for LHS. These two courts can only be used for pickleball if there is always an empty court between pickleball and tennis players and no tennis players are waiting for a court. Pickleball players must surrender the tennis court(s) if a tennis player arrives and needs a court.
3. Radios or amplified sound and abusive language are not permitted.
4. No chasing balls on the other courts while play is in progress.
5. Players are encouraged to keep the courts and surrounding areas clean.
6. Alcoholic beverages, drugs, and smoking are NOT permitted anywhere on the courts or City property.
7. Courts may be closed occasionally for cleaning

Note: No rules can cover every eventuality. Therefore, the Director of Recreation and the Recreation Commission hope that you will observe the regulations so that as many players as possible may enjoy the facilities. In the future we may issue reservation permits for the courts and require players without a permit to relinquish the courts.

Players are expected to accept City staff's interpretation of the above rules and decisions on the above stated rules.

***The Recreation Department reserves the right to review and alter the rules and regulations at any time should modification be necessary.**

****PLAYERS VIOLATING THE ABOVE RULES AND REGULATIONS MAY HAVE THEIR KEYS REVOKED WITHOUT REFUND**

For information or to report any actions that may cause damage to the courts, or any violations contact The Leominster Recreation Department at 978-534-7529