

Tennis Etiquette at Mount Pleasant Tennis Club

The following etiquette guidelines are designed to help everyone at Mount Pleasant enjoy their time on the courts and be safe. Please read carefully, whether you are new this year or have been a member for decades.

- 1. When you arrive you should sign on to a court whether or not the courts are busy. Coming off to sign on as the courts get busier is unfair to those just arriving. There are no reserved courts, so if those you intend to play with have not arrived, please do not sign on.**
- 2. If you cannot find a game, please speak to the manager, attendant or person on duty and they will help you find one.**
- 3. When the next group comes out to take your court, finish your point (not game) and move quickly off the court. Although we encourage players to try to take the people who have been on the longest off first, if your 20 or 30 minutes is up you can be bumped. Please erase your names as you come off but do not erase names of those you are going to replace.**
- 4. On busy days there may be a call for doubles only. Please cooperate with this decision.**
- 5. It is helpful to mark your balls so that if one goes astray it can easily be returned to its owner**
- 6. Do not go behind a court to get your ball if it goes on the next court. This can be dangerous and is disruptive to those playing. Ask for your ball back when your neighbours' point is over. When you are entering or passing behind courts, wait for the point to be over, then pass quickly by. Remember that if the first serve is a fault, you should wait for the 2nd serve.**
- 7. While you are playing, keep your voices low so as not to disrupt others. There should be no foul language on the court at any time.**
- 8. If a ball is called out on the serve, do not hit it back. This can be dangerous, especially if blasted back. Even if not dangerous, it can disrupt the flow of play. It is best to let the ball go by if it is out.**
- 9. There is no playing on wet courts as they become slippery very quickly and this can be dangerous.**