



## Guidelines for Tennis and Platform Tennis Court Use

All IC members must adhere to the following guidelines set forth below when using the IC Tennis and Platform Courts. All guidelines and recommendations have been provided by the City of Stamford and USTA.

### Court Hours

The IC Tennis and Platform Tennis courts are open Monday through Friday 9:00am-6:00pm and Saturday and Sunday 9:00am-5:00pm.

### Reservations

Advance reservations are required for all members. Members must use the online registration system found at [italiancenter.org](https://italiancenter.org) to reserve court time, which is limited to one hour. The names of all players must be provided. Please make sure you know which court you reserved.

Walk-ons are not allowed under any circumstances.

Only members are permitted to play. Guests/non-members are NOT allowed.

### Court Access

Members will only be allowed to play on the courts only **after an IC Tennis/Platform Tennis Guidelines Agreement has been signed and is in our possession**. The agreement can be found at <https://italiancenter.org/tennis-paddle-tennis-agreement/>

Entry to the courts will be through the tennis driveway and parking area only.

Play and Go! Please come to play no earlier than 10 minutes before your court time and then leave immediately afterwards. Please make sure players have exited your court before you enter.

One parent or guardian must accompany all minors.

Court entry gates will be left ajar to avoid touching.

## **Court Rules**

**Social distancing (maintain six feet apart) must be practiced at all times on and off the courts.**

Members must bring their own sanitizing wipes to the court and wipe down any handles or surfaces touched during their time at the center.

We do not advocate playing doubles right now because it could lead to incidental contact and unwarranted proximity. However, in the event that members decide to play doubles, they must be cautious and avoid all incidental contact. In particular, there is to be NO whispering to one other from a close distance to discuss strategy.

Each doubles player must bring their own can of balls unless all four players are living in the same household. The player who is serving is only allowed to touch their own can of balls and must return their balls to the same can when they are done serving in order to avoid cross contamination.

Front tennis court #4 and rear tennis court #3 are closed for play in order to assist with social distancing. All three platform tennis courts are available for play.

Please bring your own water, refreshments and sanitizer.

Players should stay on their side of the court and avoid changing ends.

Please do not chase balls or go onto another tennis court.

## **Clinics/Lessons**

Private, semi-private and group clinics available. The tennis pro will be the only person handling the balls and will maintain social distancing protocol with live drills. Serving will NOT be permitted during lessons until further notice due to ball contamination. All hoppers and teaching equipment will be sanitized after each lesson or clinic by the pro.

## **Facilities**

The main building, tennis pro shop, deck and restrooms will remain closed.

Viewing furniture, benches and water coolers have been removed for safety purposes.

## **Equipment**

Members must bring their own racquets and balls. Please bring two cans of balls if serving to avoid ball contamination. All racquets and balls must be removed upon departure.

Demo racquets will not be available but new tennis balls are available for sale if needed.

## **Additional Information**

If you have any tennis questions, please contact Marc or Maryellen Lupinacci at [italiancenterpro@gmail.com](mailto:italiancenterpro@gmail.com)

For more information on guidelines, tips and recommendations for tennis, please visit [USTA.com](http://USTA.com).