



FISHER ISLAND RACQUET CLUB

All FIC Racquet Club rules and policies will be administrated by Club Management. The director of the racquet club, who is a working representative to the Fisher Island Club, has the authority and duty to enforce and interpret Club rules advised by the tennis committee and approved by Club Management.

1- GENERAL FACILITY RULES

- i. All members and guests must sign up in the Pro Shop before taking any court.
- ii. The rules of tennis as adopted by the USTA shall apply at all times, except when in conflict with any of the rules herein.
- iii. Use of the courts and facilities at the Club shall always be subject to the control of the pro shop, which shall determine the suitability of the courts for play. Courts will be closed when necessary for maintenance operations or when dictated by safety considerations, as determined by the manager on duty in the tennis shop, at his or her sole discretion.
- iv. Smoking is not permitted inside the tennis courts, pickleball courts or at the courtyard.
- v. Please use sidewalks to gain entrance to your court.
- vi. Dogs or other pets, except for service dogs or handicap assistance are not permitted inside and next to the tennis courts. Provided, however, that dogs on leashes (at all times) and weighing less than 20 pounds are permitted in outdoor seating areas by courtyard. Dogs that are not well mannered and quiet will be asked to leave.
- vii. In the event of an impending severe storm, a lightning warning siren will sound from the Golf Club. All play shall cease immediately. And all members, guests, and persons must immediately leave the courts and seek shelter.
- viii. Section 1, rule # 9 in General Club Rules state that no outside catering is permitted. All food and beverages consumed on the club facilities must be furnished or bought by the Club unless otherwise permitted by the Chief Executive Officer.
- ix. Children under the age of twelve years old are not allowed on the courts without adult supervision, unless authorized by tennis shop manager or tennis director.
- x. GOLF CARTS must be parked in the parking lot only, or in designated areas. Golf carts are not to be parked on courts, pathways, or courtyard area.
- xi. BICYCLES must be parked at the bicycle rack. Bicycles are not to be parked on courts, pathways, or courtyard area.



2- PRO SHOP

- i. Pro Shop hours of operations:
Monday- Sunday from 8 am – 6 pm (Labor Day – Memorial Day).
(Hours of operations might change on summer months and special occasions)
- ii. Our full-service tennis pro shop is open for members and guests. We offer a full line of women's, men's and children's clothing, shoes and racquets. The Fisher Island Club pro shop offers several unique services including special ordering, demo racquet program, and member discounts.
- iii. Stringing Services are done on-site. We have a 48 hours service time on all stringing. Staff will contact you directly once the racquet is done and ready to be picked up.
- iv. RACQUET DEMO PROGRAM. Members and guests shopping for a new racquet will have the privilege to demo new racquets from a variety of premium racquet brands.
 - DEMO racquets must be checked-out and returned daily, to the pro shop.
 - Cost: \$5.00 per day

(The \$5.00 cost will be deducted from the value of a new racquet, if purchased)

3- PRIVATE, GROUP LESSONS and CLINICS

- i. The Fisher Island Club has tennis and pickleball professionals year around offering private or group lessons and clinics. All professionals are certified and licensed nationally by the USPTA, PTR, or IPTPA.
- ii. 24 HOURS CANCELLATION POLICY. Members and Guests will be responsible and charged for the lesson, or clinic's fee if not cancelled 24 hours in advance.
- iii. ADVANCE PRIVATE LESSON priority reservation privileges from November-April are as follows; (Equity member-2 months, Annual Member-1 month, and Hotel guests- Unit Rentals-2 weeks).
- iv. Members, unit renters and hotel guests can request lessons in advance, however professionals will follow the timeline above to confirm the lesson's time and day.
- v. TENNIS CLINICS- We ask every member to please sign up for clinics online, Club app, or by calling the pro shop in order to properly staff and plan the clinic for member's satisfaction. The pro-to-player ratio during clinics will be as follow:
 - (1 Pro), 1-5 players
 - (2 Pros), 6 or more players

(Exception for Cardio Tennis and HIT TennisFit Clinics where the pro-to-player ratio will be 1pro/ 6 players and 2 pros/7 or more players).

- vi. Tennis clinics on the same day of social, or competitive tennis and pickleball events might be cancelled if at the same time. (Check the calendar online for all updates)



TENNIS & PICKLEBALL LESSON RATES

	MEMBERS	GUESTS / UNIT RENTALS
½ hr.	\$60	\$70
1 hr.	\$100	\$120
1 ½ hr.	\$160	\$190

TENNIS & PICKLEBALL VIDEO ANALYSIS LESSON

1 1/2 hr. (1hr. on court and 30 minutes off court for video/photo analysis) \$160

ADULT TENNIS CLINIC RATES

	MEMBERS	GUESTS / UNIT RENTALS
Clinics (1 ½ hr.)	\$35	\$40
Clinics (1 hr.)	\$25	\$30
Clinics (1/2 hr.)	\$15	\$20

(See Adult Clinic Flyer for a list of all clinics offered)

FIC JUNIOR TENNIS (12 Week-sessions)

3-4 yrs. Old	Friday	3 pm – 4 pm
5-13 yrs. Old	Tue, Wed, Th Tuesday & Thursday	3 pm – 4 pm 4 pm – 5 pm

(See Junior Program Flyer for more information)

FEES

Guest Court Fee Per Guest	Weekday \$20	Weekend \$25
Ball Machine Rental	Members Complimentary	Guests \$15 / hr.
“Tennis Hitters” Service	Members	Guests
Singles (30 min*)	Gratuity	\$10+Gratuity
Doubles (90 min)	Gratuity	\$20+ Gratuity
Tennis Racquet Rental	\$5/ day	
Ball Hopper Rental	\$5/ day	

**Hitters- If there is no member waiting for the same hitter after 30 minutes, the time limit can be increased to a maximum of 1hr.*

** Reservation required for all clinics*

** 24 hr. cancellation policy for all clinics and lessons*



4- GUEST RULES

Members are permitted to have guests, subject to the policies and procedures specified by the Club. All guests, upon entry to the Racquet Club, must register as a guest and pay the guest fee.

Weekday guest fee: \$20.00 per person / Weekend guest fee: \$25.00 per person

- i. Guests of Annual Members: Each guest is limited to 4 club visits per year. Annual members are limited to 4-day guests (children included) per day. Guests must always be accompanied by the sponsoring member.
- ii. Guests of Equity Members: Each guest is limited to 6 club visits per calendar year. Equity members are limited to 8 day-guests (including children) per day.
- iii. Immediate family members of Equity or Annual Members must be first registered at Club Membership and abide by the Club Rules before start using club facilities.
- iv. Immediate family members have 60 days access to reserve courts, take lessons and clinics at no addition guest fee.
- v. Immediate family members can participate on club social events, with exception of Club Championships (Members Only) if space available after all members registered.
- vi. House Guest (Non-family member) can reserve courts, take lessons and clinics only after all their fees have been paid at the club membership office.
- vii. House Guest (Non-family member) has a maximum of 60 days to access the club facilities.
- viii. Teaching professionals, or anyone not employed by Fisher Island Club are not allowed to use the courts to profit from teaching members, residents, and their guests.
- ix. Members who invite and bring out of town teaching professionals **as their house guests for a short stay** must first register their guests with the club's membership office under "House Guest (Non-family member)", pay the current guest fees, and respect the number of club visits per calendar year as stated on club rules. The guest pro cannot use the any teaching equipment property of Fisher Island Club.
- x. Any special circumstances must be authorized by Club Management.

5- HOTEL GUESTS and UNIT RENTALS

- i. Hotel guests and unit renters have the right to reserve tennis or pickleball courts, take lessons or clinics, and to be considered for game arrangements only when members are not available to play.
- ii. Weekday guest fee: \$20.00/person and Weekend guest fee: \$25.00/ person.
- iii. Private Tennis Lessons: \$120/ hr. and \$70/ 1/2hr.
- iv. Tennis Clinics: \$40/ clinic.
- v. Ball machine reservation: \$15 per hour plus the guest court fee.
- vi. Members will have priority over hotel guests and unit renters when booking lessons 2 or more weeks in advance of the desired time for the lesson.



6- ATTIRE and ETIQUETTE

It is important that we maintain the integrity of Fisher Island Club. Therefore, we appreciate your cooperation when it comes to wearing the correct attire and behaving properly while playing at Fisher Island Racquet Club.

- i. Men's shirts with cut-off sleeves, muscle shirts (gym shirts), shirtless, swimwear are not allowed on the courts.
- ii. Women's gym shorts that are an inappropriate length or fit, extremely brief tops and shorts are now allowed on the courts.
- iii. Running shoes, cross training shoes, flip flops, crocs or even playing barefoot are not allowed on the courts.
- iv. No skateboards, bicycles, roller skates, or ball games likes soccer or baseball are permitted on the courts and courtyard.
- v. Excessive noise, racquet or paddle throwing, and profanity will not be permitted at any time.
- vi. "The CODE", the player's guide to fair play is a summary of procedures and unwritten rules that custom and tradition dictate all players should follow, can be found at the USTA website.
- vii. As a courtesy to all members and club facilities, we ask you to please wash the bottom of your shoes at the shoe-washing stations before entering the courtyard, bathroom, or pro shop after playing on the har-tru, or red clay courts.

7- RACQUET CLUB ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- i. The committee shall be comprised of members of Fisher Island Club.
- ii. The committee will serve in an advisory role to the Board and Club Management.
- iii. The committee meets once a month from November – May, and twice from June-October.
- iv. Each member of the committee will serve for a period of one year. Members considering joining or renew their participation on the committee must submit the application that the Club will send every year.
- v. Members of the committee are responsible to share questions and concerns from other members, and present suggestions to club management that will benefit the racquet club and the overall satisfaction of most members.
- vi. Policy or rule modifications will be first discussed among the committee, and then submitted for approval to the Club Board of Directors and Club Management.



TENNIS PROGRAM POLICIES

1- COURT RESERVATIONS AND USAGE

- i. Tennis Courts are open for reservations from 7 am – 8 pm. Court reservations may be reserved online at the Club website, calling or visiting the pro shop. Reservations will not be accepted via voicemail, or email.
- ii. Priority reservation privileges for advanced start times from November-April are as follows:

EQUITY MEMBERS	7 days in advance
ANNUAL/SUMMER MEMBERS	3 days in advance
HOTEL GUESTS	2 days in advance
- iii. The pro shop is authorized to implement temporary rules as necessary, during peak periods of play. In order to accommodate as many players as possible, two sessions have been established from November – April on weekends and holidays from 9:00 am – 10:30 am and 10:30 am – Noon.
- iv. During peak periods of play, players must promptly relinquish their court to the new players at the end of the reserved time. If the member wishes to play longer on any available court, the member must first check in with the pro shop before walking to any court.
- v. In the event of a “no-show”, a court will be held for fifteen (15) minutes after which it will be released to players who are next on the waiting list.
- vi. On days affected by inclement weather or special events, the priority of court usage due to shortage of courts will be the following: Doubles (Equity Members), followed by doubles with Annual Members, tennis clinics, singles (Equity Members), singles (Annual Members), scheduled tennis private lessons, and hitters.
- vii. Tennis courts may be blocked for special tennis events, tennis clinics, or placed out of service at any time for maintenance at the discretion of the tennis staff. In this case, the above court priority will be respected.
- viii. Members who make a reservation must give their name, membership number, and the names of any guests in the group. No standing reservations will be accepted.

2- TENNIS GAME ARRANGEMENTS / TENNIS HITTERS

- i. Members without a prearranged game are encouraged to call or come to the Racquet Club where the pro shop will assist in connecting you with other members, registering for clinics and any other tennis or pickleball events.
- ii. Every member who would like to be considered for game arrangement for the first time must contact the pro shop to share current email, phone number and level of play (If members have



never been rated before, they will be asked to schedule a lesson with one of our professionals to be rated).

- iii. Every member who would like to be considered for game arrangement must contact the pro shop and notify staff the days that the member like to play. The member's name will then be added to the list of players looking for games.
- iv. Members who confirmed games among each other or are requesting to play with certain players are encouraged to set up their own game and call in to reserve a court for themselves.
- v. The tennis staff will do its best to assist in arranging games for everyone. However, we are unable to guarantee a game will be arranged due to number of members available, levels, and time constraints on that particular day.
- vi. Members must be aware that the main goal of game arrangement is:
 - To provide the opportunity for everyone to play tennis.
 - To welcome any new members to the Fisher Island Club tennis community.
 - To have members sharing the social aspects of playing tennis with other fellow members.
- vii. Game arrangements will be confirmed by text and email with all members by 3 pm the day prior.
- viii. Tennis courts previously blocked for game arrangements will be unblocked and released for reservations after all game arrangements have been confirmed the day prior.
- ix. Members cancelling their participation on game arrangements after 6 pm, MUST email: tennis@fisherislandclub.com

Tennis hitters are an exclusive service provided to Fisher Island Club's members. Hitters are employed by the club to first fill in on game arrangements when necessary, hit with members who walk at the facility without anyone to play, and to assist pro shop staff.

- vii. The hitters schedule, and the number of hitters available will vary according to the season.
- viii. Hitters will be assigned as necessary to fill in for games as deemed necessary by the pro shop.
- ix. Hitters will be included and confirmed in games ONLY at 3 pm the day prior the scheduled game.
- x. Members cannot make reservations for the hitters. First come, first serve basis.
- xi. During peak season and busy days, Members have 10 minutes to take the court with the hitter after they asked for the hitter, otherwise the hitter will be taken by the next waiting member at the Racquet Club.
- xii. Gratuities are highly recommended. It can be given directly to the hitter or charged through the member's account.
- xiii. Singles are guaranteed for 30 minutes. (*Members can extend to a maximum of 1 hour if no other member is waiting for the same hitter*).
- xiv. Doubles are guaranteed for 90 minutes.



3- BALL MACHINE

- i. Complimentary for all members.
- ii. Hotel Guests can reserve the ball machine for a fee of \$15/hr.
- iii. Ball machine can be reserved online, or by calling the pro shop. Members wishing to use the ball machine after hours will have to ask for the code to open the lock and are responsible for returning the machine to the housing and locking it when finished.
- iv. Maximum reservation time is 1 hour. Members can extend their reservation time only if there is no other reservation after their time expires.
- v. At any signs of bad weather approaching, or lightning within 5-10 miles away, the ball machine must be immediately stored.
Store the ball machine first before collecting any balls from the court to prevent damage from rain.
- vi. Please, cover up the machine with the provided cover at the end of play.

For your convenience, registration for all our weekly clinics and monthly events are available on the Club website and Club App. For more information, call the pro shop at 305.535.6010



PICKLEBALL PROGRAM POLICIES

The certified professional on pickleball by the ITPTA or PPR, along with more experienced members, will act as ambassadors to help provide orientation, and playing experience for new players. Educational materials will also be made available to the membership at the Fisher Island Club Website and at the Pro Shop, for more information about the sport and its rules.

1- COURT RESERVATION AND USAGE

- i. Fisher Island Club offers its members and guests 4 Sports Master Pro Cushion II pickleball courts. The pickleball courts will be equipped with lights for night play.
- ii. Pickleball Courts are open for play from 7 am – 8 pm. Members are required to use the reservation system online to book a court for social play.
- iii. Members without a reservation must first check in at the pro shop to register, and to find out if courts are not reserved for member's play, open play, or events, before walking to the courts.
- iv. From November - May, members are encouraged to come on open play times, to maximize the number of members playing, and to enjoy the social aspects of playing pickleball.
- v. Priority reservation privileges for advanced start times from November-April are followed:

EQUITY MEMBERS	7 days in advance
ANNUAL/SUMMER MEMBERS	3 days in advance
HOTEL GUESTS	2 days in advance
- vi. The pro shop is authorized to implement temporary rules as necessary during peak periods of play. During peak periods of play, players must promptly relinquish their court to the new players at the end of the reserved time. The member may sign up for the next available court time if he/she wishes to play longer, by first checking with the pro shop.
- vii. In the event of a "no-show", a court will be held for fifteen (15) minutes, after which it will be released to players who are next on the waiting list.

2- PICKLEBALL LESSON RATES

(Lessons not cancelled before 24 hours will be charged)

	MEMBERS	GUESTS / UNIT RENTALS
½ hr.	\$60	\$70
1 hr.	\$100	\$120
1 ½ hr.	\$160	\$190



3- PICKLEBALL CLINICS

Members must sign up online for all clinics due to limited space for each clinic. Walk-Ins to clinic will be only allowed if space available. (Please refer to the website for details on each clinic). Members have up to 24 hours prior the clinic time to cancel the registration without charge.

OPEN SOCIAL PICKLEBALL PLAY

Monday and Friday | 9:00 am - 11:00 am | Cost: Complimentary

NOVICE PICKLEBALL 101 CLINIC & PLAY

Tuesday | 9:30 am - 11:30 am | Cost: \$35

STROKE OF THE DAY

Wednesday | 9:00 am - 9:30 am | Cost: \$15

PRO PICKLEBALL OPEN SOCIAL PLAY

Wednesday | 9:30 am - 11 am | Cost: Complimentary

ADVANCE PICKLEBALL CLINIC & PLAY

Thursday | 9:30 am - 11:30 am | Cost: \$35

4- PICKLEBALL EQUIPMENT

- i. The Pro Shop will provide DEMO paddles (\$5 charge) and balls for members for their first time. However, members on an ongoing basis will be responsible for their own equipment.
- ii. The Pro shop offers a variety of new paddles and pickleballs for sale.
- iii. Appropriate attire must be worn. Refer to ATTIRE and ETIQUETTE section above for further information.
- iv. Only approved paddles and balls may be used. (A list of approved paddles and balls will be available at the pro shop)



5- PICKLEBALL RULES AND ETIQUETTE

- i. The USAPA (United States Pickleball Association) official rules shall govern play. The mission of the USAPA is to promote the growth and development of pickleball. Players must embrace the values of good sportsmanship.
- ii. During periods of high court usage, be aware of members waiting to play. When transitioning on or off court, please ask them for permission to cross their court. (Make sure you go on to the courts when you have all 4 players together). This is common courtesy and is for your safety.
- iii. Begin each game by acknowledging the other players and introducing yourself if you don't know them. Tip a paddle towards them on the other side or salute to let them know that you know they are there, and you are ready to start.
- iv. Before serving, make sure that the receiver is ready and facing you. Then call the score so that they know you are ready to serve. Leave a few seconds in case there are any questions or corrections to the score.
- v. If a ball comes into your court, please pick it up and return it to the proper person. Likewise, if you are in the court the ball was hit from and you are the one who gets the ball, please put your hand or paddle up so that they know who to give the ball to.
- vi. If you step into the NVZ line (Non-Volley Zone) on a volley, or if your partner does, call it on yourself, or respect the call from the other players. Be very cautious about calling NVZ or serving faults on others. Only call it if you can clearly see the violation.
- vii. Never ask for line calls from spectators.
- viii. If spectators continuously comment on the play itself-while this is normal-ask them not to, if their comments are loud, disruptive, argumentative, hostile or combative.

6- OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL ETIQUETTE

- i. During open play (mixed skill-levels), players play with all skill levels. Good sportsmanship is the rule. Members do not have the right to refuse to play when there are open-play, mixed skill-level periods. It is a great opportunity to make new friends and create new memories at your club.
- ii. If every experienced player plays at least one game with a lesser skilled player, that less experienced player would have had several competitive games and hopefully increased their learning curve.
- iii. If YOU are the strongest player of the four, play to the weakest players in a way they can handle and learn from.
- iv. At the end of each game, find something positive to say to the other team at the net. Never leave a game without acknowledging the other team.
- ix. At the conclusion of your game, pick up your ball and place it back in the ball holder before exiting the court.



7- SAFETY AND COURT RULES

- i. Keep court areas free of debris/trash.
- ii. If a ball breaks, safely remove it from the court.
- iii. Playing will be prohibited when courts are wet.
- iv. While playing on the courts, play under control so that you are not running onto the other courts playing the ball. You don't want to run into the players on the other court. Control is needed also when trying to return a ball near the fence. Please don't use the fence to help stop your momentum.
- v. If you are near your partner with an overhead slam opportunity where you may hit them, stop play. Let the ball drop. Lose the point. Do NOT hit your partner.
- vi. If you hit a ball into another court, immediately yell "Ball on Court!" If a ball is going towards another court, do not chase it onto the other court. Stop, yell "Ball on Court", and let the other people stop play and retrieve the ball.
- vii. Warm up and stretch before and after playing. Pickleball is a sport that can also present high risk of injuries.

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