



TENNIS RULES

Effective January 1, 2021

Medlock Bridge runs a tennis program that is intended to be for the enjoyment of all.

The objectives of the tennis program are:

- To promote, encourage, and support tennis play
- To provide social tennis activities
- To support tennis teams that compete at all levels
- To encourage friendship, team spirit, and camaraderie

TO JOIN A TEAM

All Medlock Bridge residents are encouraged to be on an ALTA &/or USTA team. When a player would like to join a team:

1. If the player is not a member of a team,
 - a. The player should contact the Tennis Director for a skill level evaluation.
 - b. The Tennis Director will determine the team level options and contact the appropriate team captain(s) to discuss placement.
2. If the player is already a member of a team, but would like to move to a different team,
 - a. The player should first talk to their current captain and then talk to the captain of the team they would like to join.
3. In both cases;
 - a. The new team captain will allow the new player on the roster at the level suggested by the tennis staff. This allows new players to join a team and participate in team lessons and practices. Note, the team captain has the right to determine the line up each week.

TEAM GUIDELINES

All team Captains must be residents of Medlock Bridge. One co-captain may be a non-resident player.

1. The Tennis Director must approve all Medlock Bridge teams being formed with more than two (2) players. (i.e. approval not required for T2, K-Swiss pairs etc.)
 - a. Any team formed without the knowledge of the Tennis Director will be subject to consequences levied by the Tennis Director. This means the team may not be permitted match play, makeup matches, team clinics, or team practice and the team may be disbanded.
 - b. The Tennis Director will be an ALTA designee for all ALTA teams. The Tennis Director may only make roster additions and changes when requested by the captain.

PLAYERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Keep the Tennis Director and your captain current with your contact information, including residential status, email, and phone numbers.
2. Stay informed via www.medlockbridgetennis.com.
3. Be available at least twice per season in order to retain your spot on your team's roster.
4. Provide your availability to your captain the week before the season starts, or earlier if requested.
5. Provide written confirmation to the captain whether you desire to return to a team for EACH season.
6. If moving teams, confirm in writing to BOTH captains the intent to make the change.
7. Must be current on dues/assessments and in good standing with HOA.
8. Provide an image that will promote professionalism while on the court. Players should understand that unprofessional & unsportsmanlike behavior could result in their disqualification from Medlock Bridge teams in the future.
9. All players are responsible for the behavior of their children, guests, and pets attending matches and should ensure no disruption to the players.
10. Players are responsible for cleaning the court after matches. This includes removing all trash from the court and emptying the on-court trash receptacles into black trash cans outside the courts.

CAPTAIN GUIDELINES

1. Captains are responsible for:
 - a. The Captain, along with the team members, are responsible for cleaning the court after matches. This includes removing all trash from the court and emptying the on-court trash receptacles into black trash cans outside the courts.
 - b. Team roster definition (captains decides the line-up each week.)
 - c. Registering teams via league website
 - d. Submitting a list of non-residents to ACE prior to the roster being submitted. This list should include phone numbers and email.
 - i. If a non-resident is added after the roster list is submitted to ACE, it is the responsibility of the captain to immediately collect the non-resident fee for the additional non-resident player.
 - ii. Non-resident fees and forms should be turned in to the Tennis Director.
 - iii. Captains who do not submit this information and payment of all of the non-resident fees must disqualify non-paying non-residents from the team or the team will not be able to reserve courts for practices or matches.
 - e. Communicating with the opposing teams to finalize match play details
 - f. Communicating coaching/practice details (date, time, fees) with their teams
 - g. Confirming player availability for match play
 - h. Determining match players and lines
2. Before adding a new/non-rated player to the team, the captain may consult with the Tennis Director to ensure proper placement.
3. Prior to adding a new player that previously played on another MB team, the captain shall verify that BOTH captains received confirmation that the player communicated in writing their intent to move.

4. For each new season's roster, the captain shall confirm via email that the player wishes to return to the team. If no written confirmation is received, the player shall no longer be considered as part of the team and will need to go thru the process to "join a team" as identified in the MB Tennis Rules.
5. Rosters are recommended to be completed 2 weeks prior to registration deadline.
6. The Tennis Staff will communicate with each Captain prior to each season. The Tennis Staff will work with each individual Captain to resolve any, and all issues as quickly as possible.
 - a. Captains will coordinate with Tennis Staff to pick up and sign for their team's ice machine fob at the tennis office.
7. At the end of the season, Captains will return their team's ice machine fob, or pay \$25 for replacement.
8. If the start time of a league match is delayed, captains must notify the Tennis Director prior to the new start time so he/she may notify the captains of the teams or individuals that are scheduled to play next on the same courts.
9. Any single team Captain or combination of team Captains (2 or more) may desire to reshuffle or reallocate (split, combine, partial breakaway, etc) players on their teams. Any changes to team composition shall ensure the procedure is done based on the following rules:
 - a. the Captain(s) should first discuss the concept with all team members before any specific course of action is pursued to determine how many players want to be involved.
 - b. the Tennis Director can assist the Captain(s). Types of assistance could include recommending types of ranking systems to help Captains decide on how to allocate players on teams. However, neither the Tennis Director nor any of their recommendations will be used as the basis for any player/team changes. Ultimately, these decisions are solely the responsibility of the Captains as they are responsible for defining and populating their teams.
 - c. All affected players will be notified by their Captains prior to implementation of any team changes.
 - d. Captains are responsible for deciding and communicating any player/team changes.
10. Team Captains will attend captain's meetings as requested by the Tennis Director or Tennis Committee. Team Captains will collaborate on player placement to ensure amicable formation of all teams.

NON-RESIDENT PLAYERS

Non-resident players are players whose primary residence is not in Medlock Bridge.

A player who moves out of Medlock Bridge is considered a non-resident at the beginning of the season following their move-out date.

1. Non-resident players are allowed to play on a Medlock Bridge team, and must be registered as a non-resident to participate in any tennis program related activities. Non-resident players must pay the non-resident fee and sign the non-resident player form each season/year.
 - a. Non-resident Fees - Current non-resident fees are \$35 per season per adult, \$15 for a junior. If a non-resident will be playing for multiple seasons during a year, they may take advantage of the \$105 flat fee for adults, \$50 for juniors, for the year. The reduced rate

must be paid up front, in full before the Spring season to participate and will include subsequent Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter seasons of play.

2. Non-resident players are permitted to use the tennis courts during team practice, team or individual coaching sessions and scheduled matches only. No independent play / use of the facilities allowed unless with a Medlock Bridge resident / Pro.
3. **No program or team shall be exclusively for non-residents.**
4. Non-resident players are not permitted to reserve courts at Medlock Bridge.
5. Non-resident players are required to adhere to the Medlock Bridge Rules and Regulations.

COURT RESERVATIONS

1. All residents must reserve courts via www.ReserveMyCourt.com.
 - a. Renters may access the reservation system as long as the homeowner is up to date on HOA dues/assessments and a copy of the lease is submitted to the Tennis Director (rent may be redacted from the copy).
 - b. Each household is limited to two www.ReserveMyCourt.com accounts. Any additional accounts (i.e. using multiple email addresses) will not be permitted and will be deleted.
2. All residents have Amenities passes which should be carried with them when using any of the Medlock Bridge facilities including the tennis amenities. Please be courteous when asking for the resident Amenities pass. If there is no resident playing, the people should be asked to leave, and you are entitled to their court.
3. Court priority is given first to team match play, second to makeup team matches (only applies after the schedule date for the team match), third to team clinics, fourth to team practice, and finally to open play (T-2, K-Swiss, etc.). Lessons will have first priority on courts 10 & 11.
 - a. The Tennis Director will reserve courts and communicates the court schedule for all ALTA and USTA league team home matches, team practices, including makeup matches.
 - b. Self-directed leagues – such as K-Swiss, T2, Ultimate, etc. are responsible for booking their own courts through www.ReserveMyCourt.com.
 - c. USTA and ALTA match play in progress will take priority for court reservations following the scheduled match play time if the match is not complete at the end of the reserved time.
 - d. If a court is required for a make-up match and all courts are already reserved, contact the tennis staff to discuss options.
4. If players are more than 20 minutes late for their reserved court time, the reservation is forfeited and any other player(s) may use the court. If you are unable to play during your scheduled time, you are asked to remove your name from the reservation of that court. Chronic no shows that don't remove their name may lose their tennis court reservation privileges.
5. Residents may pre-schedule and reserve one court for a private or social tennis event. More than one court *may* be requested and *may* be granted if the additional court is not in conflict with league team play or practices. Contact the Tennis Director for social tennis event court reservations.
 - a. Strict adherence to all rules and court policies is required by all participants at such event.
 - b. Facilities must be cleaned when complete or a cleaning fee will be imposed.
 - c. Please use courteous behavior with no disruption to matches in progress.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS/ITEMS OF NOTE

“Next season” refers to the league’s next season. For example, the next season for ALTA Spring Thursday Women would be ALTA Fall Thursday Women. While most seasons occur twice per year, there are some that only occur annually.

- Organized league – ALTA and USTA team play

The Tennis Committee reserves the right to revise the Medlock Bridge tennis rules and regulations as required. Any disputes regarding the rules and regulations or the use of the Medlock Bridge tennis facilities in general will be addressed and resolved by the Tennis Committee, and if necessary, the Medlock Bridge HOA Board.