

Santa Monica Tennis Club

Injury Waiver

In consideration for the opportunity to participate in tennis Open Play (Matches) and during tennis tournament play (Tournaments), during Open Play and Tournaments, and other on-site activities at Reed Park, provided through the auspices of the Santa Monica Tennis Club (SMTC), the undersigned hereby covenants with SMTC, and any of the instructors, "feeders", and officers (the "Releasees") that he/she shall not sue or bring any legal action or proceeding against the above on account of injury or damage that he/she may sustain by virtue of, or arising out of, his/her participation in the Matches, his/her presence at, or travel to and from Reed park and/or any off-site sanctioned event, or participation in any ancillary activities. The undersigned acknowledges that participation in Open Play Matches, in SMTC Tournaments, and "Live Ball" involves activities that are not under control of the "feeders" and officers. These presents may be pleaded as a complete defense to any action or other proceeding which may be brought, instituted, or taken by the undersigned, his/her heirs or legal representatives against of the Releasees in breach of this waiver (this "Waiver"), reserving unto the undersigned the right to proceed against any and all other parties which may be involved in such action or proceeding.

The undersigned acknowledges that participation in the Matches, his/her presence at (or travel to and from) Reed Park, or participation in any ancillary activities by him/her is without assumption of responsibility or risk of any kind by any of the Releasees and the Releasees do not make any warranties of any kind with respect to the Matches, activities, travel or attendance. The undersigned assumes the risk of all dangerous conditions arising from and inherent in such participation and waives any and all specific notice of the existence of such conditions.

This Waiver is executed by the undersigned not in satisfaction of any damages sustained, nor as compensation for injuries, nor in settlement of any claim or damages. Said opportunity to participate in the Matches and ancillary activities at the Tournament, travel to and from, or presence at Reed Park is offered as consideration for the covenant and agreements contained herein. It is distinctly acknowledged that the acceptance of this covenant by the Releasees is not an admission of any liability on any part of the Releasees and that each expressly denies any liability in any manner.

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(Participant) (Signature)

(& Date)

Participant (please print)

SANTA MONICA TENNIS CLUB INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY

Every adult tennis player is welcome to join SMTC. You do not have to be a resident of Santa Monica.

ROSTER

A Members' Roster may be accessed on the website via a password (given with the acceptance of your membership application).

NEWSLETTER

"on the line" is issued bi-monthly to all current members and includes announcements of all upcoming events, the latest ladder positions and entry blanks for the upcoming activities via the website.

ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY OPEN PLAY

The club reserves three courts at Reed Park for "Open Play" most Sundays throughout the year, except when the courts are being used for tournaments or other sanctioned activities. These three reserved courts are for the exclusive use of members. Open play guidelines are posted on the website and posted on the bulletin board at Reed Park.

SMTC TOURNAMENTS

These tournaments are held throughout the year at Reed Park. Most are one-day, Sunday tournaments. Main events include the Hello Tournament in February, Anniversary Tournament in the summer, the Mens/Ladies Doubles Tournament in July, the Club Championships in the fall, and the Turkey Shoot tournament in November.

INTERCLUB TOURNAMENTS

These one-day matches with other clubs are scheduled throughout the year.

CHALLENGE LADDERS

SMTC maintains singles, doubles and mixed doubles challenge ladders which are open to all current members, regardless of ability. Guidelines are published on the website and standings are also posted on the website and the bulletin board at Reed Park.

BOARD MEETINGS

The board of directors meets regularly. Any suggestions, problems, or accolades should be brought to the attention of a board member who will present them to the board at the next meeting. A general meeting, open to all members, is held annually in the fall and announced in the newsletter.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

These include, but are not limited to, the Hello Tournament party, the Club Championships awards party and weekend trips to tennis resorts, usually in southern California.

The National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP)

1.0 - This player is just starting to play tennis.

1.5 - This player has limited playing experience and is still working primarily on getting the ball over the net; has some knowledge of scoring but is not familiar with basic positions and procedures for singles and doubles play.

2.0 - This player may have had some lessons but needs on-court experience; has obvious stroke weaknesses but is beginning to feel comfortable with singles and doubles play.

2.5 - This player has more dependable strokes and is learning to judge where the ball is going; has weak court coverage or is often caught out of position, but is starting to keep the ball in play with other players of the same ability

3.0 - This player can place shots with moderate success; can sustain a rally of slow pace but is not comfortable with all strokes; lacks control when trying for power.

3.5 - This player has achieved stroke dependability and direction on shots within reach, including forehand and backhand volleys, but still lacks depth and variety; seldom double faults and occasionally forces errors on the serve.

4.0 - This player has dependable strokes on both forehand and backhand sides; has the ability to use a variety of shots including lobs, overheads, approach shots and volleys; can place the first serve and force some errors; is seldom out of position in a doubles game.

4.5 - This player has begun to master the use of power and spins; has sound footwork, can control depth of shots and is able to move opponent up and back; can hit first serves with power and accuracy and place the second serve; is able to rush the net with some success on serve in singles as well as doubles.

5.0 - This player has good shot anticipation; frequently has an outstanding shot or exceptional consistency around which a game may be structured; can regularly hit winners or force errors off of short balls; can successfully execute lobs, drop shots, half volleys and overhead smashes; has good depth and spin on most second serves.

5.5 - This player can execute all strokes offensively and defensively; can hit dependable shots under pressure; is able to analyze opponents' styles and can employ patterns of play to assure the greatest possibility of winning points; can hit winners or force errors with both first and second serves; return of serve can be an offensive weapon.

6.0 - This player has mastered all the above skills; has developed power and/or consistency as a major weapon; and can vary strategies and styles of play in a competitive situation. This player typically has had intensive training for national competition at junior or collegiate levels.

6.5 - This player has mastered all of the above skills and is an experienced tournament competitor who regularly travels for competition and whose income may be partially derived from prize winnings.

7.0 - This is a world class player.