

Policy for USTA Teams Representing Big Canoe- 4/14/2026

1. Only one USTA team per level will be permitted to represent Big Canoe. Any new team formation must receive prior approval from the Racquet Club before registering with the USTA.
2. All home matches will be scheduled on either Saturday or Sunday with a 12:00 PM start time. Two courts will be allotted to each team for home matches. No additional courts will be assigned prior to the scheduled match start time. If additional courts are available at the scheduled match start time, and with Racquet Club staff approval, additional courts may be utilized.
3. All make-up matches must be scheduled through the Pro Shop to ensure proper court allocation and sufficient match time. Make-up matches will not be permitted during designated peak reservation days and hours in order to avoid court overrun and disruption to member play. Reservation options will be structured to allow adequate time for matches to be completed without impeding subsequent member reservations in the event play extends beyond the standard two-hour reservation period.
4. All players representing any Big Canoe USTA team must be current Tennis Members of the Racquet Club and in good standing. Non-Big Canoe residents may be permitted on a limited, as-needed basis and must pay a \$50.00 per season outside resident fee, pending Racquet Club membership approval.
5. Team rosters must be submitted to the Racquet Club prior to the start of the season for review and approval. For all home matches, player names must be submitted to the Pro Shop no later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to match time so they may be properly entered on the court reservation. Team captains are responsible for ensuring all visiting team players are registered with the gate for entry on match days
6. Teams are responsible for any additional clean-up or damage incurred during home matches. This includes, but is not limited to, the indoor viewing area and surrounding facilities. Any charges related to excessive clean-up, repairs, or damage will be billed to the Team Captain's lot.

Rationale:

This policy is designed to create structure, protect court availability, and ensure equitable access for the broader membership. Limiting teams per level reduces internal competition for players and court time. Establishing consistent weekend match scheduling allows for predictable planning, proper staffing, and clear communication. Requiring Pro Shop coordination for make-up matches ensures adequate court time is reserved so matches can be completed without disrupting regular member play.

Requiring team members to be Racquet Club Tennis Members in good standing reinforces that league participation is a member benefit. The outside resident fee provides flexibility when additional players are necessary while maintaining fairness to dues-paying members. Submitting rosters in advance allows for administrative oversight and ensures compliance before league play begins. These guidelines support the long-term sustainability of league tennis while balancing the needs of all Racquet Club members.

