

**Montgomery County Department of Parks, M-NCPPC**  
**Outdoor Tennis Court Use Permit Policy**

**Policy Statement**

The purpose of this policy is to establish an orderly and fair procedure for the reservation of a court or several courts for the purposes of tennis instruction, or organized play such as tournaments. It is the intent of this policy to balance such organized uses with walk-on use by the casual tennis players in our parks. All players must adhere to the guidelines set forth in this policy as well as any additional posted rules and regulations.

Outdoor tennis courts managed by the Montgomery County Department of Parks are free and available for use by the general public to practice and play tennis on a first-come, first-served basis. Montgomery Parks reserves the right to use outdoor courts for programs, camps or classes offered to the general public. All use of outdoor park tennis courts must be in compliance with the criteria, guidelines and regulations outlined below.

**Criteria**

Permitted time for programs, tournaments and events is available as follows:

Monday-Friday	9am - 5pm*
	<i>*Youth/school programs may be granted a permit until 7pm for a maximum of two weekdays per week.</i>
Saturday-Sunday	9am - 1pm

Permits will be issued upon request for Saturday or Sunday play on a holiday weekend but not for the holiday day. A minimum of ten total court hours per reservation is required to obtain a permit.

Permits are required for private tennis instruction; non-permitted instruction is against M-NCPPC regulations and subject to penalties. Fees for tennis instruction follow the M-NCPPC User Fee Schedule, as approved annually by the Montgomery County Planning Board. Permitted tennis instruction will be allowed only if provided by:

- Governmental or non-profit tennis organizations, which are open to all students regardless of race, gender, national origin, handicap, creed, color, or ability to pay;
- Licensed educational institutions which are located in Montgomery or Prince George's County;
- Organizations providing instruction under the direction of the Montgomery County Recreation Department.

**General Outdoor Tennis Court Use Guidelines**

- All walk-on play begins and ends on the hour. If a court is unoccupied and no one is waiting, non-permitted players can begin their play immediately but must relinquish the court at the end of the next full hour if other non-permitted players are waiting.
- Non-permitted players must relinquish the court(s) to permit holders for the hours and courts designated on the permit.
- Solicitation of any business, trade or occupation is strictly prohibited unless authorized by permit. This includes conducting class instruction for a fee and the taking of photographs and/or videos for commercial use.
- Play is prohibited when posted or if gates are locked.
- Play on all lit courts must end at 11pm when the lights shut off.
- No dogs, skateboards, bicycles, roller blades or roller skates are allowed on tennis courts.

## **Olney Manor Recreational Park Outdoor Court Regulations**

### *Tournaments/Special Events*

- Tournament permits will only be issued for Court Batteries A, B and C, and the Tournament Court (T). Batteries D and E will remain open to the public at all times.
- Tournaments can use up to eleven courts but must release courts for general public use when no longer needed.
- Special events such as multi-state or regional tournaments can apply for a special use, multi-day permit that will allow use of all eighteen courts for the first day and use of up to eleven courts thereafter. Courts must be released for general public use when no longer needed.

### *Games/Practices*

- Permits for games and practices will be limited to Court Batteries A, B and C, and T. Batteries D and E will remain open to the public at all times.

## **Cabin John Regional Park Outdoor Court Regulations**

### *Tournaments/Special Events*

- Tournament permits will only be issued for Court Batteries A & B. Battery C will remain open to the public at all times.
- Tournaments can use up to eight courts but must release courts for general public use when no longer needed.
- Special events such as multi-state or regional tournaments can apply for a special use, multi-day permit that will allow use of up to eight courts for the length of the tournament. Courts must be released for general public use when no longer needed.

### *Games/Practices*

- Permits for games and practices will be limited to Court Batteries A & B. Battery C will remain open to the public at all times.

## **Wheaton Regional Park Outdoor Court Regulations**

### *Tournaments/Special Events*

- Tournament permits will only be issued for Courts 4-6. Courts 1-3 will remain open to the public at all times.
- Tournaments can use up to three courts but must release courts for general public use when no longer needed.
- Special events such as multi-state or regional tournaments can apply for a special use, multi-day permit that will allow use of all six courts for the first day and use of up to three courts thereafter. Courts must be released for general public use when no longer needed.

### *Games/Practices*

- Permits for games and practices will be limited to Courts 4-6. Courts 1-3 will remain open to the public at all times.

## **Local Parks and other Regional/Recreational Outdoor Court Regulations**

- Permits for games and practices are available for outdoor courts located in local parks; however, half of the total number of courts must remain open to the public at all times.