

TOWN OF BRANFORD PARKS, RECREATION, & SENIOR SERVICES TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL COURT RULES



- Courts are 'use at your own risk' and are for Tennis and Pickleball ONLY (no bicycles, rollerblade, scooters, skateboards, chairs, pets, and other personal items allowed on the courts). The Town of Branford is not responsible for personal items.
- Proper athletic attire and athletic shoes are required. Tennis shoes or soft soled shoes only.
- Proper court etiquette and sportsmanship expected! Do not use profanity, abusive behavior or language.
- Do not abuse the nets or other equipment.
- No food, glass or alcoholic beverages.
- No smoking or vaping of any kind.
- Do NOT use the courts when wet. The Parks, Recreation, & Senior Services Dept. reserves the right to close the courts at any time. Please report any maintenance concerns to our department.
- Be respectful of others & their playing levels, including Town employees.
- In case of an emergency, call 911.

GENERAL PLAYING RULES

- Tennis and Pickleball Courts are open first come/first served public use and cannot be reserved for private or commercial use.
- NO lessons, leagues or tournaments allowed without approval from the Parks, Recreation & Senior Services Dept.
- Parks, Recreation & Senior Services Dept. programs take precedence. Please check the on-line schedule at BranfordRecreation.org
- You are not allowed to reserve/save courts.
- If there's an overflow of players waiting to play-see recommended court rotation below.

Player rotation when courts are fully occupied:

- Waiting players will place their paddle on the Paddle Rack from left to right.
- Court time is limited to 3 games to 11, winning by 2 (winners stay on for 3 games max).
- <u>ONE</u> player waiting, one losing player drops-out. <u>TWO</u> players waiting, two losing players drop-out. <u>THREE</u> players waiting, two losing players & one winning player drop-out. <u>FOUR</u> or more players waiting, all players drop out.
- Limited warm up time of no more than 5 minutes
- Exit court immediately after your game. To play again, place your paddle on the Paddle Rack. No new game may start without checking the Paddle Rack for waiting players.
- Please do not clutter courts while waiting for your turn to play.
- Court # 4 is dedicated for open tennis play if/when tennis players arrive.