

# **Marvin D. Henderson, Sr. Tennis Courts**

(hereafter, Henderson Tennis Courts)

## **Facility Usage Policy**

Date Effective: July 1, 2009

Reservations for using the Henderson Tennis Courts may be made up to two days ahead of the desired reservation day by calling 512-863-1344/or 1333, or by dropping by the Golf/Tennis Pro Shop located in the Julie Puett Howry Center. Court reservation is subject to availability.

Groups wishing to reserve the Tennis Courts should contact the Golf/Tennis Manager at 512-863-1344 or Robertson Center Facility Coordinator at 863-1384.

### **Hours of Operation**

Tennis players should check in at the Tennis/Golf Pro Shop in the Howry Center during the hours between sun up to one hour before sunset year round. The courts will be closed on Christmas Day.

Closing hours are subject to change without notice due to weather conditions.

### **Scheduling Priorities**

Priorities for court use are as follows:

1. Kinesiology classes
2. Official Southwestern team practices and tournaments
3. Programs, events and classes sponsored by SIRA.
4. Other tournaments and events as deemed necessary.
5. University students, faculty, and staff groups have priority over external constituent requests.

The University reserves the right to make judgments concerning facility usage and cancel events that are deemed dangerous and/or are not in compliance with regulations.

### **Regulations for Use**

1. Use of the Tennis Courts is free for persons holding a valid Southwestern ID card. Presentation of the ID card is required for free use. Three guests are permitted per ID cardholder per court.
2. The Tennis Courts are open for play to the general public for a small fee. Fee information is available in the Golf/Tennis Pro Shop.
3. Players must provide an ID or deposit in order to receive a key to a court. The ID or deposit will be returned upon return of the key to the Golf/Tennis Pro Shop desk before sunset and after sunset to the Corbin J. Robertson Center information desk.
4. An adult must accompany children/youth under the age of 12.
5. The consumption, possession, or distribution of alcoholic beverages or any controlled substance is not permitted on the premises at any time.

6. Smoking is prohibited within the Julie Puett Howry Center, restrooms, Golf/Tennis Pro Shop and on the tennis courts.
7. Food and drink are restricted to the areas outside the tennis court fences, with the exception of water. Glass containers are not allowed within the fenced areas surrounding the courts.
8. All debris and personal items must be removed from the court at the conclusion of play. The premises must be returned to their original condition.
9. Bicycles, roller blades, skates, and skateboards are not permitted on the Tennis Courts.
10. Proper attire is required for players. Shirts are required. Swimsuits and sports bras without over shirts are not permitted. Clean, non-marking athletic court shoes are required on the tennis courts; hard-soled shoes, street shoes, bare feet, or sandals are not permitted on the Tennis Courts.
11. All property found on the tennis courts should be turned in to the Golf/Tennis Pro Shop desk.
12. The user of the court may operate the court lights. Twisting the timer for the appointed court turns on the lights. The box that contains the twist timers is located on the east side of the maintenance building next to Court #1. All lights will turn off automatically at 10:00 p.m.
13. Tennis players will be held financially responsible for the loss or repair of damages resulting from improper use of the courts and equipment.
14. Willful destruction or abuse of University property can result in expulsion from the premises and/or other University disciplinary action in addition to the assessment of fees for damages mentioned above.
15. Responsible action and behavior are expected. Individuals who engage in unacceptable behavior, abusive language or destructive action may have their access revoked or modified.
16. Southwestern, at its sole discretion, may restrict the use of the tennis premises.
17. An outside group must have a Southwestern representative present at all times.  
(There may be an additional charge.)

### **Indemnification/Insurance**

External constituents wishing to rent the tennis premises must provide a **Certificate of Insurance**. All aspects of this requirement are explained in the University's **Agreement for Use of Athletics and Recreation Facilities**.

**Southwestern University is not responsible for injuries sustained or property lost/damaged while persons participate in its facilities.**

Exceptions to this policy must be approved by the **Director of Athletics or the Facilities Coordinator of the Robertson Center**.