



GMTA Tennis Nights Policies and Procedures

MISSION: To provide the Greater Madison area with opportunities to continue playing tennis along with socializing with other tennis players during the winter months. The GMTA Adult Tennis Nights also help subsidize the GMTA Youth Tennis programming, along with scholarships to promote/provide greater opportunity for more kids to learn and play the sport we all love - in other words, participation in the GMTA Tennis Nights helps provide Greater Madison Area kids opportunities to learn and play Tennis.

GMTA TENNIS NIGHTS OVERVIEW:

- The Nights are held most Saturdays from November to April, from 6pm until 10pm or 10:30pm, depending on the facility.
- At this time, participants can pay for each Tennis Night online through the GMTA website, or with cash at the registration table. The cost for each Tennis Night is \$15 for a member, and \$20 for a non-member. Having a GMTA membership will save members \$5 for each Night; membership to GMTA is, per year: \$15 individual; \$5 junior; \$20 family, from the date the member joined.
- At each location, GMTA rents the entire facility, so all the courts will be utilized for the six sessions throughout the Night.
- Participants can sign up for a court at the allotted time before each session starts.
- The format for each Night will be doubles only, unless courts are available for participants to play singles.

GMTA TENNIS NIGHTS PARTICIPATION:

- It is GMTA's policy and belief, in all programming, to provide equal participation opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age*, disability, marital status, veteran status, sexual orientation, genetic information or any other protected characteristic under applicable law.
 - **Given the participant otherwise meets the Tennis Night minimum age requirement*
- By agreeing to register, pay and play in the GMTA Tennis Night(s), participants assume the risks of participation, along with agreement to GMTA Policies/Procedures and Release Clause.
- Participation is open, upon payment, to GMTA members and non-members.
- Participants of all levels (using the USTA NTRP as guidelines) are welcome.
- Participants must pay and register before participating in the Tennis Night.
- Participants must be 18 years or older; high school participants must have both maturity and ***adult supervision on site***, 14 year old participants - with both maturity and strong enough skill set to play with adults - **must have a parent or guardian playing on the court, along with GMTA permission**. GMTA believes that our younger participants having supervision provides safety, guidance and redirection if needed. Players 13 or younger are welcome to participate in GMTA Youth Programs (USTA Swing, Ace, Hit), but are not allowed to participate in the Tennis Nights.
- **Participants are highly encouraged to sign up on a court with players of similar abilities, unless the number of court slots prevents the grouping of similar levels. GMTA believes players of similar levels sharing a court provides a more enjoyable and competitive match alignment. GMTA reserves the right to adjust the player court sign up sheets before/during the Tennis Night sessions to reflect a more equal balance in player ability/levels.**
- Participants may ***not*** go onto a court before the scheduled time, unless permission is given from the facility staff AND there are no facility members/guests already on the court.
- Tennis Night participants are expected to practice civility and kindness to other participants both on and off the court.
- GMTA reserves the right to prohibit a player from joining the Tennis Night, or asking that player to leave the facility, for not following the aforementioned policies. A player consistently not following the aforementioned policies could result in: being banned from future GMTA Tennis Nights; banned from all GMTA programming; and/or GMTA rescinding that player's membership, with all fees/dues being forfeit.

GMTA TENNIS NIGHTS RELEASE CLAUSE:

1. **Nature of Activity:** Participant understands that registering, paying the fee and joining in the GMTA Tennis Night, constitutes playing tennis for up to the four hours scheduled.
2. **Assumption of Risk:** Participant acknowledges and understands that the activity or event involves certain risks and hazards. By registering, Participant voluntarily assumes all risks associated with participation, including but not limited to accidents, injuries, property damage, and any other risks inherent in the activity or event.
3. **Release and Waiver:** In consideration of being allowed to participate in the activity or event, Participant hereby does release, discharge, and hold harmless GMTA, its officers, directors, agents, representatives, and volunteers from any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, liabilities, costs, expenses, or damages of any kind, whether known or unknown, that may arise out of or in connection with participation.
4. **Physical Fitness and Health:** Participant hereby represents that Participant is physically fit and has no medical condition that would prevent Participant's full participation in the activity or event. If there are any changes to a Participant's health or fitness status that may affect the Participant's ability to participate, the Participant agrees to notify GMTA promptly.
5. **Consent to Medical Treatment:** In the event of any incapacitating injury or medical condition arising during Participant's participation in the activity or event, Participant authorizes GMTA to obtain medical treatment on Participant's behalf, including but not limited to emergency medical care or possible hospitalization if Participant's family cannot be reached or otherwise notified. Participant agrees to be responsible for any costs associated with such treatment.
6. **Insurance:** Participant understands that GMTA does not provide personal insurance coverage for participants. Participant acknowledges that Participant is responsible for obtaining and maintaining any necessary insurance coverage, including but not limited to health insurance, to protect Participant during event participation.
7. **Compliance with Rules and Instructions:** Participant agrees to comply with all rules, regulations, instructions, and guidelines provided by GMTA regarding the activity or event. Participant understands that failure to comply may result in Participant's removal from the activity or event without a refund.