

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 Montgomery Parks are free and available for use by the public to practice and play tennis on a first-come, first-serve 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 guidelines and outlined below.

General Outdoor Tennis Court Use Guidelines

- Montgomery Parks will issue permits upon request for play on a holiday weekend, but not for the holiday day.
- Montgomery Parks require permits 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.
- All walk-on play begins and ends on the hour. If there is no player on the court, 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.
- Montgomery Parks prohibits solicitation of any business, trade or occupation unless authorized by permit. This includes conducting class instruction for a fee and the taking of photographs and/or videos for commercial use.
- Montgomery Parks prohibits play when posted or if the gates are locked.
- Play on all lit courts must end at 11 p.m. when the lights shut off.
- Montgomery Parks do not allow dogs, skateboards, bicycles, roller blades or roller skates on tennis courts.

Olney Manor Recreational Park Outdoor Court Regulations

- Practices, games and tournaments can use up to fourteen courts, but must release courts for public use when no longer needed.
- A battery of public courts will be made available and accessible at all times.

Cabin John Regional Park Outdoor Court Regulations

- Practices, games and tournament can use up to six court, but must release courts for the public use when no longer needed.
- A battery of public courts will be made available and accessible at all times.

Wheaton Regional Park Outdoor Court Regulations

- Practices, games and tournament permits will only be issued for three courts, but must release court for the public when no longer needed.

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 to the public at all times.