

Tennis Rules

1. The Mercerwood Shore Club tennis reservation system is in effect from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Members may reserve one court up to one week in advance for 1 1/2 hours of play. Members will be allowed to play a second hour if no reservation has come in by the time of play and no one has signed in on the blackboard.
2. Players without reservations must surrender the courts when members with reservations show up at their appointed times.
3. **Members must sign guests in on the bulletin board. There is a \$6.00 charge for each guest for each set (1 1/2 hour of play), billable to the member host.**
4. All players must wear regulation tennis shoes. Non-regulation shoes will damage the courts!
5. Please observe all tennis etiquette, including:
 - good conduct and sportsmanship should prevail
 - wear appropriate clothing (shirts and shoes)
 - avoid noise that would disturb other players
 - stay off the courts when not in play
 - avoid walking through a court when play is progress; use the north court entrance to access courts 3 & 4.
6. A ball machine is available for \$7.00 per hour; please check at the main office.
7. Bicycles, skateboards, big wheels, roller skates, food and drinks (other than water) cause damage and are not allowed on the tennis courts.

POOL RULES

1. The pool is open only when a lifeguard is on duty. **Lifeguards have the authority to enforce all safety rules, and to expel persons from the pool if necessary.** It is essential for good swimming that the lifeguard's authority be recognized.
2. Members must sign themselves and guests in at the pool desk; please know your member number. There is a \$6.00 guest charge per guest per day. Nanny and house guest fee of \$25.00 per month.
3. Please report all accidents immediately to the lifeguard.
4. Children under the age of 12 must be supervised at the pool by a responsible person 15 years of age or older.
5. Children under six years of age must be accompanied by an adult in the water.
6. Children who cannot swim may not be in the pool unless in direct contact with an adult at all times.
7. Lifeguards are present to help supervise and enforce safety rules, but children are best supervised at all times by their parents.
8. For health and maintenance reasons, swimmers must wear bathing apparel while in the water; gym trunks, cut-off's, and street clothes are not allowed.

9. Children who are not toilet trained should be in clean diapers with tight fitting plastic pants while in the pool.
10. Please observe pool safety rules:
 - No diving in depths under five feet; forward diving only is allowed. No backwards or sideways jumping whatsoever!
 - Pool equipment -- toys, balls, masks, fins, snorkels or inflatable swimming devices -- are not allowed during crowded times. The lifeguard may grant permission to use such equipment in the shallow end during uncrowded periods.
 - Kickboards are allowed in lap lanes only during public swim.
11. Please use the upper pool deck by the snack bar for picnics. Food, pop, glass containers, cigarettes or gum are not allowed in the pool area. NO DOGS OR PETS AT ANY TIME in the pool area or picnic deck.
12. Washington State law requires that everyone entering the pool take a cleansing shower first, and prohibits persons with communicable diseases, skin abrasions or infections, sore or inflamed eyes, mouth, ear or nose discharges from using the pool.

Diving Safety

1. Young children or weak swimmers will be required to pass an "MSC Swim Test" before using the diving board. Swimmers must be able to swim the length of the pool before using the high dive. Children using the low dive must be able to swim the width of the pool.
2. Diving board safety guidelines must be observed:
 - No swimming under the board, catching or "spotting"
 - One person on the board at a time; adults may not carry children when jumping off the board.
 - Look before you leap! Make sure previous diver is at the wall before diving.
 - Divers must jump or dive straight ahead, using only one bounce, then swim quickly out of the diving area; use the ladder when exiting from the diving area.
 - No hanging from the board or bars, running or horseplay.
 - No goggles, masks, fins, snorkels allowed on the boards.
 - Entering the board must take place from the ladder.

STATE OF WASHINGTON POOL RULES

(MSC will enforce these rules)

1. Everyone must take a cleansing shower before entering the pool.
2. No persons with communicable diseases, skin abrasions or infections are allowed in the pool.
3. No running, horseplay, etc. is allowed in the pool area.
4. No bottles, cans, candy, cigarettes, food, or pets are allowed around the pool area.

Beach and Boating

MOORAGE AND BEACH AREA RULES

Beach Area:

- Swimming is allowed only in the designated roped area. Absolutely no swimming allowed in the moorage and docking area, for safety reasons.
- No running on the docks, or swimming under the docks.
- Lifeguard service is provided at the beach on summer afternoons, weather permitting, from 12:00pm to 8:00 PM beginning the last day of school through Labor Day.
- Parents are responsible for the behavior and safety of their children at all times; drowning can occur in a matter of minutes. Children are best supervised by their parents, and should not be left unattended until the parent is certain the child can be responsible for his/her own safety.
- Children under the age of 12 must be supervised at the beach by a responsible person 15 years of age or older.
- The Aquatics Supervisor and lifeguards are authorized to enforce all beach and moorage safety precautions, and must expel uncooperative members from the grounds if necessary. Please remember staff are present to help make the Club a safe and enjoyable place for all members.
- Young children or weak swimmers will be required to pass a "MSC Swim Test" before being allowed to swim in the beach/swim area.
- Beach guests must park above the white gate.
- All cars must have an MSC sticker visibly displayed
- Aqua socks or tennis shoes are recommended for swimming at the beach, as debris and glass may wash ashore.
- The beach is off limits after 10:00PM, and the gate will be locked; sleeping on boats or trespassing is prohibited.
- If you are the last person to leave the beach, it is your duty to close the gate behind you.
- No fireworks allowed on Club property at any time.

Moorage:

Boats may only be taken out by the member-owner; non-members may only take out member boats when accompanied by the member-owner.

- All boats using the moorage, launch or docks are required to have MSC stickers visibly displayed.
- Please re-lock gates at launch area and upper road area if you found it locked, as you may be the last one to secure the launch/moorage area.
- Obtain key from office if you need to use the launch/moorage area in the early morning or late evening.

(See also Moorage Contract for complete rules for moorage users.)

GENERAL POLICIES

General Operating Philosophy

Clubhouse:

- This is your Club -- please take pride and leave each place cleaner and neater than you found it!
- Remember that this is an active Club in a residential neighborhood; members should demonstrate exceptional courtesy to our neighbors by controlling noise, litter, and taking care not to block their driveways.

- The Club is closed at 10:00 PM, and all premises must be vacated then, except for special events and for return trips from boating outings.
- The upstairs meeting room is closed except for pre-arranged meetings and events. Check with office to arrange a meeting.
- The Club maintains a lost-and-found as a courtesy, but is not responsible for lost or stolen articles. The lost-and-found is located near the pool. Valuables are kept in the office. On the first day of each month, all items in the lost and found will be taken to Youth and Family Services.
- Dogs are generally prohibited from Mercerwood Shore Club grounds and buildings. See Beach rules for early morning exceptions.
- Members are financially responsible for property damaged by members or their guests.
- Caution! Parents are responsible for the safety of their children at all times. Due to the high risk nature of the play areas and water areas, including the pool and lake, children of any age who are not capable swimmers or self-reliant should not be left unattended. Staff is present to help supervise, but does not provide childcare services. Especially in the off-season, when few adults are present on the grounds, parents should not assume children are safe left alone.

Discipline Policy:

Members whose inappropriate activity results in damage to club property, or damage to guest or member property, shall be expelled from the club for a day, a week or a month, depending on the severity of the action, damage or crime. There will be no tolerance for weapons on club property. Any criminal activity shall result in the same penalty. After the third such penalty, the Board shall meet to determine whether the membership should be terminated, in accordance with the bylaws.

Clubhouse Rentals:

- The upstairs banquet/meeting room is available to members and non-members for parties, special events or meetings. Members receive discounted fees for use. Please make reservations at the office.

Guest Policy:

- Every guest to the Club must be accompanied by a member host at all times. This includes houseguests and Nannies.

Guest fees of \$6.00 per day per guest for the pool and per 1&1/2 hour at the Tennis Court will be billed to the member host. Month-long pool guest passes for house guests are \$25.00.

Each guest may visit the Club only once each week, except for houseguests and Nannies.

- Houseguests must be registered by the member host. Please see office for the houseguest pass. Houseguests may use the Club only when accompanied by the member host.
- Space at the pool and the beach can be quite crowded during busy summer days, so arrangements must be made with the Club office ahead of time when planning a gathering of several guests (e.g. family or friend picnics).
Group gatherings are limited to no more than 15 persons, except for Club functions.

Large group gatherings are not possible on Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Seafair weekend, or Labor Day.

Groups larger than 15 must use the north end of the beach, to reserve the more active play area for members.

If you plan on having more than 15 guests at the beach you must contact the main office for a beach rental contract. Groups of more than 15 guests may only be scheduled on Mondays-Thursdays between the hours of 11 am and 5pm.

Parking:

- Parking at the Club is extremely limited; please observe posted regulations. We must keep the fire lanes clear (indicated by yellow curbing).
- Parking at the north end of the Beach is for cars with trailers only.
- Bicycles must be parked in the bicycle rack by the pool entrance. At the beach, bikes are to be parked by the restrooms. Bikes parked in undesignated places will be locked by staff or moved to the bike rack and locked.
- Overflow parking is allowed in the parking area north of the tennis courts; please take care not to block private driveways.

The gym is open daily from 5:00 am to 10:00 pm. Obtain the entry code from the office for entry when the office is closed.

Please observe safety rules and clean-up rules posted in the gym.

Juniors between 12-15 years of age may use the gym only under certain conditions; check posted regulations for current rules. No one under 12 may use the gym.