



## CODE OF CONDUCT

### MISSION, VALUES AND VISION

The mission of AASSTC is to attract and keep tennis players 60 years of age and older in the game, encourage those who have left to return and introduce youth to tennis as an activity they can enjoy for a lifetime.

The club's motto is *Raising A Racquet for Health and Fitness!*

As a tennis organization for super seniors, AASSTC values fitness and healthful living; aging with grace and dignity; diversity; respect; and lifelong learning.

AASSTC's vision is to be recognized and respected as the leading regional resource for providing tennis information and access for seniors 60 years of age and older by sponsoring regular tennis play, tennis camps, tournaments, health fairs, youth programs and community outreach activities.

In order to ensure members are able to enjoy playing with other seniors, have opportunities to improve their playing skills and have fun, it is imperative that players be aware of, and adhere to basic rules for participation.

### MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees are critical to the financial viability of the club and are used to support senior activities only. Junior programs are supported under a separate budget financed by grants and donations. Annual dues (assessed by membership type), should be paid by September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Dues submitted after that date will be subjected to a \$10 per week late fee up and until October 15<sup>th</sup>. Unpaid memberships will be considered null and void after that date.

### BEHAVIOR ON THE COURT AND AT ALL AASSTC ACTIVITIES

Members are expected to respect all players and to refrain from using negative or profane language or being excessively loud on the court, at meetings, or at any other AASSTC activity or event. AASSTC members have the right to discuss privately their concerns with any AASSTC officer, but do not have the right to create confusion or cause any disruption of tennis activities. **Any member whose actions, behavior or attitude are determined by the Board to be detrimental to the wellbeing of AASSTC may have their membership terminated without recourse.**

In accordance with the information above, the following items will govern all activities on the tennis court. **Members MUST be in good financial standing in order to participate in club activities.** Members who have not paid their dues by the designated deadline will be removed from the court. Prospective members are permitted to participate once, before becoming full dues paying members. No guests are allowed.

AASSTC grants are predicated upon the club providing skills training, drills and strategy. Consequently, one court will be set aside for these activities, using a ball machine, lessons and/or light rallying. Skills training will not take place at the Southeast Training and Learning Center due to the limited number of courts available for play.

## **ON COURT RULES**

### Indoor Season

1. Since the indoor season provides a limited number of available courts, they should be used according to the guidelines listed below:
  - When more than four persons are available for play on a given court, the first four players will play four games and then relinquish the court to any waiting players.
  - Fifth game tiebreakers are not allowed.
  - When fewer than four players are waiting, players should be rotated with common sense courtesy ruling.
  - One court is reserved for women's doubles; one for men's doubles; and one for mixed doubles for the first hour and men's doubles for the second hour. If a fifth court is available, its use is discretionary, based on courtesy and common sense.

### Outdoor Season

1. The Fort Lincoln tennis courts are dedicated to AASSTC for two hours each Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the outdoor season (May-September). Although all courts are available during this period, one court will be set aside for skills training, drills and strategy. AASSTC will also conduct special events that take priority over general use by members.

These include:

- USTA sanctioned Sixty and Over Tournament (May)
  - Aces World Team Tennis (June/July)
  - Intergenerational Tennis Tournament (August)
  - Youth Tennis Activities (TBA)
2. Courts not in use for priority events may be used by members and others. Common courtesy rules apply.

**Questions/suggestions regarding the Code of Conduct should be addressed in writing to the AASSTC President.**