

## **NEW CANAAN RECREATION DEPARTMENT PADDLE TENNIS INFORMATION AND RULES**

The Town of New Canaan Recreation Department operates four Platform Tennis Courts at Waveny Park.

### **PERMITS FOR WAVENY PARK PADDLE TENNIS COURTS**

Any bona fide New Canaan resident or town employee will be entitled to a Platform Tennis Permit upon application to the Recreation Office, submission of satisfactory proof of eligibility, and payment of the fee required. A photo identification card system is in effect. A photo of each individual will be taken at membership registration. This photo ID card must be presented to the court attendant prior to play. Permit cards are not transferable. The lost pass/reprint fee is \$5.00 per card. Permit Classifications:

**Adult Permit:** This permit entitles eligible adults (age 18 through 61) the privilege of using the Paddle Courts at Waveny Park for the season.

**Senior Citizen Permit:** This permit entitles senior citizens (age 62 and over) the privilege of using the Paddle Courts at Waveny Park for the season.

**Youth Permit:** This permit entitles eligible youths (age 17 and under) the privilege of using the Paddle Courts at Waveny Park for the season.

**Family Permit:** Includes individual permits for mother, father, and children (age 17 and under) allowing the family the privilege of using the Paddle Courts at Waveny Park for the season.

**Limited Play Permit:** This permit is discounted at the purchase and requires the person to pay an additional \$5. to the attendant each time they play. This permit is suitable for an adult who will play less than 8 times the entire season.

### **GUEST PRIVILEGES**

All guests must be signed-in with the attendant on duty **BEFORE PLAYING ON THE COURTS** and a one time daily guest fee is \$5.00 and must be paid **BEFORE PLAYING ON THE COURTS**. This fee enables a guest to play anytime that day with a permit holder. All guests must be accompanied by and play on the same court with a permit holder.

### **COURT RESERVATIONS AND RULES**

Permit holders are permitted to reserve only one court per day for a 60 or 90 minute time block. An additional reservation on the same day may be made only after completing your first reserved court of the day. Requests for paddle parties are an exception and may only be booked through the Recreation Department Office 594-3600 through special rules and fees.

Permit holders may reserve a court by any of the following methods:

- **Online Reservation-** 24 hours a day, anywhere internet access is available, you may make a court reservation using your access email address and password (your permit number followed by your last name- no spaces). The online reservation system will also allow you to manage your reservation(s) by changing a time or court cancellation.
- **By Telephone-** during attendant hours, you may call 594-3621 and reserve a court with the attendant on duty. You must register your permit number and name with the attendant.
- **In Person-** during attendant hours, you may reserve a court at the Paddle Lodge Hut with the attendant on duty. You must have your permit available to show the attendant for the reservation.

Telephone and in-person reservations will be taken by the Paddle Tennis Court Attendant Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 – 9:30 p.m., Saturdays 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 – 9:00 p.m., Sundays 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. THE WAVENY PADDLE COURTS TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 594-3621.

Court time may be reserved no more than one week in advance. Courts may only be reserved for either 60 or 90 minute time blocks. Monday through Thursday evening time blocks are restricted to 7:00-8:30 or 8:30-10:00 p.m. Please follow this when making online reservations. Additional time on the same court must be reserved by another player in the group.

Court time starts at the time of the block reservation and may not be extended when others are waiting. Changing from an assigned court is not permitted without first checking with the attendant.

## **CANCELLATION POLICY AND PENALTIES**

Unless the courts are closed by the Recreation Department due to bad weather or unplayable court conditions, permit holders are expected to show for play at the time of their reservation.

Players must be present to take their court at the start of the time block reservation or the court becomes a forfeit after five minutes.

Permit holders have the responsibility of canceling their court by telephone with the Paddle Court Attendant or online through the reservation/cancellation system. As a courtesy to all court users, this cancellation must be made as much in advance as possible to allow someone else to book the open court.

Permit holders reserving a court who fail to show up and play or fail to cancel their court(s) in advance by telephone or online will be in violation of the court reservation rules. The following penalties will be incurred to the permit holder: First Offense= may not obtain a court for 2 days. Second Offense= may not obtain a court for 2 weeks. Third Offense= revocation of permit.

## **GENERAL RULES**

All players must be properly attired at all times. They must wear shirts and wear proper tennis shoes or sneakers as approved by the Paddle Tennis Court Attendant. PLEASE, NO BOOTS.

The court lights are set on a timer to be used at dusk and will automatically shut off around 10-10:15 p.m. each evening. If you are the last group to use the courts for the night, please turn the court lights off when you exit the court.

The Recreation Department will make every effort to clear the courts of snow and ice. At times, due to weather conditions, a limited number of courts will be available. Please do not use metal shovels or ice melter or salt to clear the courts of snow or ice.

Children not participating in the game ARE NOT PERMITTED on the courts.

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the courts.

Dogs are not permitted on the courts.

PLEASE DO NOT SMASH RACKETS AGAINST THE SCREENS OR NETS.

Court hours are Monday through Sunday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Paddle Lodge hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 – 9:30 p.m., Saturdays 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 – 9:00 p.m., Sundays 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Arrangements may be made for paddle playing parties at the Waveny Paddle Lodge through special permission by the Recreation Director. You must be a permit holder and all guest fees will be assessed during your time. A contract with rental fee will be established and collected prior to the event.

Any player who creates a disturbance uses inappropriate language or throws equipment while using the courts will be subject to disciplinary action. These penalties may range from suspension of playing privileges to having their permit suspended for the season.

Each court must be occupied by at least one permit holder and a minimum of two players per court when people are waiting.

The courts will remain open for play during the daylight hours after the season officially ends in April. There will be no charge for their use during the off-season.

The Park and Recreation Commission reserve the right to change any of these regulations during the season. These changes, if any, will be posted at the Paddle Tennis Courts. The Commission would welcome any comments on these rules and regulations; please write to the Park and Recreation Commission, Post Office Box 852, New Canaan, Connecticut 06840.