Last Chance Tennis Association

Policies
(Updated 9/2026)

Attire: Black-soled (carbon-based) shoes will not be allowed on the playing court. If you are unsure about whether or not your shoes will mark the court, please do a “skid check” in an area off-court to ensure that they are non-marking prior to entering the court.

***Ball Machine:** There is a usage charge of $4 per court time, in addition to the $8 court fee, to use the ball machine. Ball machine, balls, and any equipment must be cleared from the courts and from behind the curtains prior to the end of the reserved time slot. Failure to do so may result in warning, fine and suspension. See Fineable Offense.

Membership Dues: Due monthly in advance. Dues delinquent for longer than 60 days will be assessed a monthly $10.00 late fee. Members with dues not brought current within 10 days of the late fee assessment will be suspended from using courts until dues are brought current. If the dues are not brought current within 30 days of the late fee assessment, the member may be brought to the Board for possible termination of membership.

EXAMPLE IF BILL NOT PAID:

August 5: Billed

October 5: $10 Late fee assessed

October 15: Member suspended for nonpayment of dues (cannot use LCTC)

November 5: Membership brought to board for possible termination

No House Charge Account: Any Primary Member (the LCTA member responsible for payment on the account) that does not have a Credit/Debit Card or Bank Account on file for payment may be assessed a monthly $5.00 processing/handling fee.

The only exception to this policy will be for those members who maintain a permanent “credit balance” on their account.

Court Blocking: Members may sign up to reserve a court time in advance for a three-month block between 9:00a.m. – noon and 7:30p.m. – 9:00p.m. Monday-Friday. Members will be notified one month prior to the start of the next blocking period and can request a block at that time. Blocked courts are assessed a $12 fee.

In the event that more than one group desires the same time, the choice will be made by a lottery one week prior to the beginning of the next block.

LCTA will reserve all times no later than 1 week prior to the beginning of the block.

Court Fees:

Resident and Non-Resident members: $8 total per 90-minute court time.

Fineable Offense: Violation of the policies noted by * will result in the following:

1st Violation: Written warning (on member record for six months from the date of violation.)

2nd Violation: $25 fine (on member record for six months from date of violation.)

3rd Violation: Three-month suspension from date of violation.

4th Violation: Brought to board for possible termination of membership.

***Guests:** Guests must play as a guest of an LCTA member, who will be charged the regular $8 fee for court time on the monthly account. Guests may play no more than three times in one year. Guest fee is $10 per use.

Failure to sign in guests appropriately will result in warning, fine and suspension. See Fineable Offense.

High School Tennis: Helena and Capital High Schools will be allowed use of the facility November through March. Specific dates, times, and fees will be designated by the Board annually.

The Activities Director of the School District and both school coaches must sign a facility use agreement prior to the initial use of the facility each November. Practices must be supervised by an adult designated by the coaches.

District will pay $300.00 per school per season.

Keys: Keycards issued to members may be used by only the member. The lending of a key to a non-member will result in immediate 3-month suspension. The cost to replace a lost key is $10.00.

Lessons: Non-members may take unlimited lessons from the club Pro, but may be required to pay an increased fee.

***Lights:** Lights must be turned off and the door locked at the conclusion of play. Failure to do so will result in warning, fine and suspension. See Fineable Offense.

Hours: Club hours are 6:00 am to midnight. Alarms are deactivated at 5:00 am and are activated at 12:15 am. Members that cause alarms to go off will be subject to a first offense $50 fine. In the event there is a subsequent offense, the Board will determine appropriate additional penalties.

Membership Fees:

Resident Members: $600.00 per membership and entitles the member to full voting rights. The fee may be paid over 4 years at $155.00/year; however, the member will not have voting rights until the membership fee is paid in full. If a member fails to complete the $155 per year option and chooses to join later, the potential member will be required to pay the total amount of $600 and enter a credit card or bank account for automatic payments.

Junior Members: Membership fee of $600.00 is waived, but appropriate monthly dues and court usage fees apply. Payment of a $50 initiation fee is required for each new junior membership at sign-up. The $50 fee may be applied toward a resident membership. A junior member who signed up

before May 1, 2023, is exempt from the initiation fee, but monthly dues and court usage fees apply to the membership.

Non-Resident Members: Membership fee is $300.00. Non-resident members residing 50 miles away from Helena do not pay monthly dues. They are limited to 10 time blocks per month.

Organizational Members: $600.00 per membership and entitles the Organization's designee to full voting rights. The Organization may designate up to 4 members who may play. The members can be changed no more than 2 times in one year. The Organization may designate additional members at a cost of $25 per person per month.

Temporary Members: Membership fee of $600.00 is waived, but appropriate monthly dues and a $5.00 usage fee apply. Payment of three months dues is required at sign-up.

Monthly dues will be:

Single: $40.00 Double: $55.00 Family $65.00

$8 court usage fee also applies. Minimum of one month dues required at sign-up with three months maximum. Primary residence must be 50 miles from Helena. Temporary members do not have voting rights.

Monthly Dues: Single: $25.00 Double: $40.00 Family: $50.00 Organization: $60.00

(NOTE: Monthly dues for junior and temporary memberships will also be based on the number of persons utilizing that membership: Single (one), Double (two), and Family (three or more).

Any children 13 years of age and under may play with a parent present, and that parent will only be charged a usage fee. These children are not allowed to make court reservations, nor are they allowed to play on a court without their parent unless they play as a guest. When playing as a guest, the guest fee will be charged and the child will be limited to playing as a guest a maximum of five times per year.

Non-active Members: A member may go on inactive status and cease paying dues, so long as this member has paid the $600 membership fee in full. If the reason for going inactive is for medical reasons, the member may re-activate the membership with no penalty. However if the member has gone inactive for a non-medical reason, a reactivation fee of $200 is required.

***Pets:** Out of respect for others with allergies, etc., pets are not allowed in the club. Failure to observe this policy will result in warning, fine and suspension. See Fineable Offense.

Reservations and Court Usage: The courts may be reserved through Club Automation at https://lcta.clubautomation.com/. Members cannot reserve a court any earlier than 12:00 a.m. two days prior to the day of play.

If unable to use the reserved court time, the reservation must be canceled or the usual court usage fee will be charged.

Consecutive time slots for a court cannot be reserved earlier than 12:00 a.m. one day prior to the day of play. Members may not play in consecutive time slots during prime time hours (12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Monday-Friday). Members MAY play in consecutive time slots during prime time hours during the months of May – August.

A **single membership** holder can reserve only one court at any one time and can have the use of only one court at any time. (For example, the member cannot invite three guests and have one guest on one court and the other two guests on another court.

A **double membership** holder can reserve and have the use of separate courts at the same time.

A **family membership** holder can only reserve and have the use of no more than two courts at the same time.

A **junior member** can reserve only one court at any time and can have the use of only one court at any time.

A **temporary member** can reserve only one court at a time and have use of only one court at a time.

***Sign-In:** Members are responsible for making sure they are signed in online before play starts. Changes made in a reservation after play starts must be made before leaving the Tennis Center. Failure to sign in appropriately will result in warning, fine and suspension. See Fineable Offense.

Solicitations: Posted solicitations are to be tennis-related and must be approved by a Board member.

Voting Rights: Only a resident membership, in which the member(s) has paid the full amount of the $600 membership fee and all current dues, has a voting right within the club. Resident members who have not paid the full amount of this fee and/or all current dues, junior members, non-resident members, and temporary members do not have voting rights within the club.

Work Credit: Members participating in various club-related work activities may receive credit toward monthly bills per Board approval.

Club Rental: Subject to the approval by the Board, Members may “rent” the club for social functions based on the following guidelines.

Mezzanine only: $50/1.5 hours

Mezzanine and courts 1 and 2: $100/1.5 hour time slot (minimum 2 time slots, start time must coincide with time slot time)

Mezzanine and court 3: $75.00/1.5 hour time slot (minimum 2 time slots, start time must coincide with time slot time)

Mezzanine and courts 1, 2, and 3: $125/1.5 hour time slot (minimum 2 time slots, start time must coincide with time slot time)

Members renting the facility are responsible for set up/clean up. LCTA assumes no responsibility for use of the facility during the rental period by members or their guests.

Members desiring to rent the facility must sign a rental agreement, no later than 10 days prior to the event, that sets forth the terms of use.