



**Somerset at Plantation Somerset Hall  
Tennis Rules and Regulations**

**Availability:** The tennis facilities are available to all Plantation residents and their guests seven (7) days a week.

**Hours of Play:** 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., unless courts are being repaired or groomed.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**Tennis Management:** Blackwood Tennis is managing Somerset tennis and pickleball.

**Resident Member:** Plantation owner or lessee. (When leasing to a non-resident, the Owner forfeits rights to use the Amenities Center facilities).

**Guest:** Overnight houseguest of resident. Guests have same rights as resident.

**Visitor:** Invited visitor of Resident Member. Three (3) visitors per one (1) Resident Member. One (1) Resident Member must be on court with Visitor at all times. May be adjusted by Blackwood Tennis to accommodate resident play.

**Prime Time Play:** 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., seven (7) days a week. Prime Time includes Blackwood Tennis approved drop in, round robin, lessons and clinics. Two courts will always be available during Prime-Time hours for open play. **Playing time is reserved to one and one half (1 1/2) hours.**

**Non-Prime Time Play:** 12:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **Playing time is reserved up to two hours.**



## **Reservations**

Court reservations are handled by Blackwood Tennis. To make reservations, email [Somerset@Blackwoodtennis.com](mailto:Somerset@Blackwoodtennis.com). List your name, date, time you would like a court, and names of players. You can also call 239-472-3522 between 9:00 am to 3:00 pm daily to make a reservation. If you get a voicemail, please leave a message and Blackwood Tennis will call you back with confirmation. Requests made after hours will be answered the following day. All reservations are answered in the order they were received by email. Please note: Do not email Jean Crenshaw or Nick Blackwood directly for court reservations.

Once your reservation is received, you'll get an email back with your court assignment. If courts are full at your requested time, Blackwood Tennis will offer you another time slot or you can be put on a waiting list. If anyone cancels, Blackwood Tennis will contact you that a court has opened.

Click on [Somerset Court Reservations](#) to see tennis court bookings from you home computer or mobile phone. A TV monitor is available near the pro shop to view court assignments.

Playing time is reserved to one and one half (1 1/2) hours during prime time (8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and up to two hours after 12:30 p.m. Walk on players allowed on a space available basis. Residents and their guests who abuse the reservation system, and/or who fail to be present to use the court they have reserved, may lose their ability to reserve courts.

## **Lights:**

Lights may be turned on at each individual court as required. Timers should be set for the required playing time only, with players requested to turn lights off upon completion of play (unless others are waiting to play).



# The Plantation

**General:** Any tennis maintenance issue, court reservation issue, or general tennis questions should be addressed to [somerset@blackwoodtennis.com](mailto:somerset@blackwoodtennis.com).

Appropriate tennis attire, as determined by Plantation, must be worn at all times:

**General (continued)** Men – Shirts must be worn at all times. Tasteful collarless shirts may be worn, but must have sleeves (no sleeveless). No derogatory or offensive words, logos, and/or slogans.

Women - Short sleeve or sleeveless tennis shirts are acceptable, but no aerobic wear. No derogatory or offensive words, logos, and/or slogans.

Overall, unacceptable attire would include, but would not be limited to, bathing suits, cut-off jeans, muscle shirts, tank tops, halter tops and fishnet tops. Regulation clay court tennis shoes are required. Any shoe deemed harmful to the playing surface is prohibited.

Courteous behavior and proper language are required. Excessive yelling, noise, profanity, racquet throwing, etc. will not be tolerated at any time.

Pets, bicycles, roller blades, skateboards, scooters, etc. are not permitted on the courts. Pickleball is not permitted on the tennis courts. Only participating players are permitted in the court area, with all other people to be in the adjacent spectator standing and seating area.

Smoking or use of tobacco products is prohibited on the tennis/ pickleball courts, or surrounding spectator areas.



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- General** Unacceptable behavior may result in possible forfeiture of the Tennis Amenity; forfeiture or any other consequences may be recommended by Blackwood Tennis, Racket Sports Committee, or the Property Manager to the Somerset HOA Board for approval in accordance with Florida Statute 720.305(2)a.
- Children:** Parents will be responsible for their children's behavior at all times on the courts and will be responsible for any damages that they may cause. Children under twelve (12) years of age must be accompanied by an adult at all times, unless participating in an organized tennis program or lesson.
- Activities:** Any type of tennis activity (e.g. tournaments, special events, league play, parties, etc.) must be presented to Blackwood Tennis and the Racket Sports Committee for prior review and approval.
- Leagues:** Plantation league teams must be approved by Blackwood Tennis. A maximum of 2 courts can be reserved for league practice. One league practice per team, per week may be scheduled during Prime Time hours for a maximum of an hour and a half or during non-prime time hours for a maximum of 2 hours. Teams that are both rated and Metal teams that have 50% or more identical roster names are only allowed 2 practice courts per week, not 2 courts per team. When league play is scheduled, the team captain is responsible for providing the name of the visiting team to the Plantation (Somerset) Main Security Gate; (239) 225-7221 for entry authorization purposes.
- Instruction:** Individual and/or Group instruction to residents and their guests can be scheduled with the Blackwood Tennis by emailing [somerset@blackwoodtennis.com](mailto:somerset@blackwoodtennis.com). Scheduling of teaching court time is at the discretion of Blackwood Tennis. Lessons and clinics for residents and their guests are available by appointment through Blackwood Tennis. Payment is to be made by credit card only.



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**Ball Machine:** The Ball Machine is to be reserved by appointment at least 24 hours in advance. Ball machine reservations can be made Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm by emailing [somerset@blackwoodtennis.com](mailto:somerset@blackwoodtennis.com). There may be time restrictions due to league play. Ball Machine availability on weekends is dependent on Blackwood staffing. The person reserving the ball machine will return it to the location provided by Blackwood Management.

**Court Maintenance:** Tennis courts will be maintained on an ongoing basis by Blackwood Tennis. Problems with the court surfaces, lines, nets and so forth should be immediately reported to Blackwood Tennis by emailing [Somerset@blackwoodtennis.com](mailto:Somerset@blackwoodtennis.com). If you play on courts that have been groomed for the evening, please sweep and line the court upon finishing play.

**Rule Infractions:** Blackwood Tennis has the authority and responsibility to interpret and enforce rules and handle issues on a daily basis.

**Dispute Resolution:** Concerns, disagreements, and disputes that tennis players are unable to resolve amongst themselves must be put in writing and presented to the Racket Sports Committee and Blackwood Tennis for review and disposition.

**The above rules and regulations are guidelines and may be changed or modified as required by The Plantation Management Staff.**

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