River Forest Park District
PLATFORM TENNIS

Platform Tennis Guidelines

Annual Pass

Annual passes are valid from June 1 – May 31. The annual pass includes:

- Access to the platform tennis courts and platform tennis court reservation system.
- Access to register for Park District platform tennis travel and house leagues. *
- Access to private lessons, drills, and clinics. *
- Access to the Paddle Hut, including a fob key (the Wednesday after Labor Day - early-May).
- One sleeve of paddle balls.

* Additional fee.

A sleeve of 2 paddle balls is included with each annual pass, and are available for pickup at the Park District Administration Offices (The Depot), 401 Thatcher Avenue, M-F, 8:30am-3:30pm. Pass Holders may pick up balls for themselves, family members, and other pass holders who have provided the Park District with written approval to do so. Balls must be picked up by 12/15 for fall membership registration and 4/15 for winter membership registration.

Hours of Operation

- **Courts:** 7:30am-11:00pm daily. Court lights will automatically turn off at 11:00pm every night.
- **Paddle Hut Season:** The Wednesday after Labor Day through 4/1, 7:00am-11:00pm (midnight on Men Travel Legue nights), open on spring league nights April through the week before Memorial Day. The building alarm will automatically activate at 11:05pm/12:05am, respectively. The building alarm will automatically deactivate at 7:00am.

NOTE: The Park District reserves the right to occasionally schedule Park District programs in the Keystone Center. If a Park District program is scheduled, the Keystone Center is closed for use as a paddle hut for the scheduled times. A listing of any Park District programs will be posted at the building's front door.

Guests

Each passholder is allowed to bring non-member guests at a fee of $5.00 per guest per use. Once a guest has played 2 times, they are required to sign up for an annual pass for further use.
The guest(s) must be registered as "Guest 1 $5" in the online reservation system in advance and the passholder is required to register and pay via their ActiveNet online account using **CODE 3642.0112**. Passholders who do not register and pay for guests will be subject to a non-refundable forfeiture of their annual pass.

Online Reservation System

Each passholder will receive a passholder ID number. To use the online reservation system, you must list your passholder ID number and the names of the other players utilizing the court. If one of the players is a non-passholder, a $5.00 fee is required per player (See Guests).

Passholders using other passholder member names or ID numbers or do not register and pay for guests will be subject to a non-refundable forfeiture of their annual pass. Online reservations can be made by clicking on the platform tennis icon at the River Forest Park District website at www.rfparks.com.

- Online reservations are scheduled in 1-1/2 hour time slots.
- When making an online reservation, all passholders/guests must be included on the reservation.
- Each passholder is allowed (1) reservation per day.
- Please print a copy of your online reservation as a confirmation of your reserved court time in case of any conflicts.

Use of the Platform Tennis Courts

Each platform tennis court has two (2) labeled switches at the entrance to each court. One switch is to operate the dryers designed to dry the courts, and the other switch is to turn on the court lights.

- Lights: 90-minute timers
- Dryers: Multiple timer options. The dryers are to be used to dry the courts only. The dryers are designed to dry the court in 30-minutes under dry conditions. The dryers are not designed or intended to be used to heat the court area. Abuse in use of the dryers by passholders will be subject to a non-refundable forfeiture of their annual pass. Abuse will also result in an increase in future annual pass rates due to an increase in operation costs.
- The platform tennis courts is a smoke free facility. Smoking is prohibited at or within 20' of the facility.

Use of Platform Tennis Hut

The intended use of the paddle hut is for social activity and a warming space for passholders or visiting league players only before and after court use. Use of the paddle hut for unauthorized events or personal use is prohibited. Your platform tennis FOB key will log in your name and use time whenever the key is used.

- Passholders are responsible for the inside of the platform tennis hut once they have accessed the building. If a passholder brings a guest, they are also responsible for the actions of their guest.
- Children under the age of 21 must have a parent present to enter the platform tennis hut.
- The paddle hut should be locked at all times. Doors should never be propped open.
- The Keystone Center bathrooms are open for public use via an exterior door April 1st through November 2nd. Passholders utilizing the bathroom through the paddle hut must lock the interior bathroom door after each use.
- All trash must be placed in the appropriate containers inside and outside the facility.
- All tables and chairs must remain inside the paddle hut.
- No outside items are to be stored in the paddle hut. All outside items will be removed and disposed of daily.
- The paddle hut is a smoke free facility. Smoking is prohibited in or within 20' of the facility.
- If a passholder loses their FOB key, a replacement key will be issued for a $10.00 replacement fee.

Snow Removal

Park District snow removal schedule places the highest priority on public right-a-ways (parking lots and sidewalks). The Park District will remove the snow off the platform tennis courts after the public right-a-ways are cleared. After the Park District removes the initial snowfall, pass holders are responsible for any follow-up snow removal. The snow removal rules are:

- Plastic shovels will be provided and located in the paddle hut. Use of metal shovels on the courts is prohibited as they will damage the metal deck. Remove all snow off the deck by pushing the snow off the west edge of the deck by lifting the snow boards.
- Do not use any type of ice melt precuts on any of the decking.

- Once the snow has been removed, turn on the dryers to melt any residual snow and dry the deck. Do not turn on the dryers before all the snow has been shoveled, as this will leave the court in an icy state and significantly waste natural gas.
- The dryers will typically take 30 minutes to dry a court in dry conditions.

Lessons/Drills

Group and private lessons/drills will be offered through the River Forest Park District with the Park District Paddle Pro.

- Group lessons are available to the general public and a schedule can be viewed by clicking on the platform tennis icon at the River Forest Park District website at www.rfparks.com
- Private lessons/drills are available to pass holders only. Private lessons/drills are available with our Paddle Pro at a rate of $100/hour. Private lessons/drills can be taken by 1-4 players. Players wishing to schedule a private lesson/drill are required to pay through the Park District website. Players have the option to pay for a 1- or 1.5-hour lesson, and the option for 1 to 4 players on the court. Players will schedule their private lesson/drill directly through the Paddle Pro. Cash payments for private lessons and drills are prohibited.

Anyone participating in group or private lessons not paid through the Park District is subject to a $250.00 fine and prohibited from use of and Park District facility for one (1) year.

Equipment

Paddle balls are available for purchase at the Depot, 401 Thatcher Avenue, Monday-Friday, 8:30am-3:30pm. A sleeve of two (2) Xenon balls is $12.00.

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