

Balboa Tennis Club Challenge Court Rules

1. Court 5 is the designated as the Challenge Courts. On Saturday, courts 5&6 are both designated Challenge Courts all day long. The Director and Reservation Desk can suspend the Challenge Court or designate an alternate during tournaments and high usage times.
2. The Challenge Court has been designated as a doubles court. Doubles will take precedence over singles. If no one is on the court, you may play singles until a doubles team arrives. You must then immediately play the doubles challenge. Challenge Court slips will not be given out for singles, only for doubles.
3. You can't play on the Challenge Court if you have an upcoming court reservation within one hour.
4. When players are waiting on the Challenge Court and one of the participants needs to leave the court for any reason, they will immediately be substituted by the next player on the clipboard. The set will start over again.
5. You must check in with the Reservations Desk to receive your Challenge Court Slip. On the Challenge Court Slip is your name and the time you check in. Challenges are to be taken in time order. You must take the Challenge Court slip immediately to the Challenge Court and post it on the clipboard. You have a five (5) minute grace period. If at the time you post your slip (unless you are within your grace period), someone has already posted a slip that has a time after your slip, you forfeit your slip and must re-challenge by obtaining a new slip at the Reservations Desk. Slips are non-transferable. Each challenger must have a separate and current challenge slip and players will play in order of their challenge slip time.
6. All games are one (1) set, regular scoring, unless people are waiting. In this case, No Ad scoring will be used. A seven point tiebreak shall be played at six (6) games all. Warm up time is limited to five (5) minutes.
7. After one set, the winner(s) may stay on court to be challenged again. If the previous winner(s) win again, and two or more challengers are waiting to play, then the winners must re-challenge by obtaining a new slip at the Reservations Desk. However, if only one challenge is waiting, then the winning team may play again, provided they go to the Reservations Desk and get another slip. The losing team can also challenge again by obtaining a new slip at the Reservations Desk. A Challenge Court Reservation slip is needed each time a challenge is made.
8. When it is your time to play, if you do not wish to play the team that is on the Challenge Court and/or you leave the Challenge Court, you forfeit your slip and must get another slip if you wish to challenge later.
9. If a team wins their first set and one of the team members leaves the Challenge Court, the remaining winner may team up with a different partner; if available (this becomes the second set). If a member of a team has to leave the Challenge Court before a set is finished, the remaining players take the next person in line and start a new set.
10. If one single challenger is waiting for the Challenge Court at the completion of the set, he or she must play with the next single challenger in line rather than taking a partner from the losing team coming off the court.
11. If a set is finished and there is only a single, non-partnered challenger waiting with no other challengers available, the challenger may choose one of the losing partners to play or elect to let the losers play. The decision is up to the challenger. The challenger may use the same slip while he or she waits for another challenger or finds a partner.
12. Violations of these rules will result in the suspension of Challenge Court privileges. The Reservation Agent on duty or Club Director will have final word in handling any disputes.
13. The Challenge Court is an excellent tennis opportunity for individuals without a partner. Please try to accommodate single challengers, especially those challengers who are new to the Balboa Tennis Club.