

2025 - 2026

# TENNIS AND FITNESS MANUAL



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Dear Tennis Members,

I would like to welcome you all to the 2025-26 Heron Creek Tennis Season!

I am pleased to announce that the upcoming Calendar of Events is loaded with a comprehensive list of fun activities, something for EVERYONE!! no matter what your level of play! Thank you all for your input and suggestions helping to shape the timing and format of these fun activities... Please take some time to familiarize yourselves with the Event schedule, keeping in mind that there are limited participation in some cases. The schedule of events are listed in this manual for your convenience...also, reminders of upcoming events will be E-Blasted out to the tennis group a minimum of two weeks prior.

On-line court time reservations for ALL nonscheduled play, (see court utilization chart), are most definitely encouraged...also, this season for the first time we have the convenience of using our Mobile App to reserve times! (See Me, Mike, for any trouble shooting with either system)

Guest play at Heron Creek is welcomed!!, however it is the responsibility of each member when sponsoring a guest to notify the Pro Shop in advance in order for the appropriate fee to be charged.

RAINOUTS, Although rare during season, do occur. If you have a court time and you are not sure of the court conditions or possible delays, an answer is only a phone call away for an update:

MONDAYS-THURSDAYS ROUMY)

941 412-6143 (BILL

ALL OTHER TIMES (OR IF NO RESPONSE)

941 705-0776 (MIKE SMITH)

I would like to take this advanced opportunity to thank the HC Tennis Committee for their efforts and support, as well as members who: Organize group play, Captain & Co Captain various League teams and all those who help out behind the scenes for events throughout the calendar!!... ALL of us benefit from your selflessness and we are grateful!!

As you may have noticed some very significant upgrades and additions to our facility have been made recently. Be assured that we will continue to look for ways to improve, with the goal of enhancing the overall tennis experience at HC!!...any and all positive suggestions are welcome!

Wishing you all the very best for the season ahead!!

MIKE SMITH, USPTA PROFESSIONAL

Director of Tennis, HCG&CC

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Cali-Harris Flores is available for equipment orientations upon appointment. If you have any questions or would like to learn how to operate any machinery, please contact her by calling 941-356-4335 or email at <a href="mailto:xoomfitness69@gmail.com">xoomfitness69@gmail.com</a>

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## **Tennis & Fitness Hours Of Operation**

Tennis Courts: Daily 8:00am-10:00pm (Court lights must be turned off after play in the evening).

Fitness Center: Daily 5:00am-10:00pm Pool: Daily Dawn to Dusk

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### **Tennis Rules & Regulations**

### 1. REGISTRATION

All Members with guests must register guests before playing tennis. The Members are responsible for the payment of guest fees before play.

### 2. RESERVATIONS

Courts must be reserved online. All players names and guest names are required for court reservations. Play during unreserved times shall be on a first-come, first served basis, with the exception that those who have not previously played that day have priority over the Members who already have played. Courts are reserved for one and one-half hour increments. Under busy conditions, playing times may be limited to one hour to ensure fair distribution of court times. If the party who has reserved a court fails to show or register, the reserved court will be considered open to any waiting Members for play. Court cancellations must be made at least twelve (12) hours before scheduled playing time. Reservations are limited to two (2) play periods per Family, per day, with a different member of the Family playing each time. The Tennis Professional or General Manager must approve any additional court times.

Inclement weather may require cancellation or adjustment to normal play. Call the tennis professional for updated information. Courts may be closed from time to time as necessary for maintenance at the discretion of the Tennis professional.

### 3. TOURNAMENTS AND CLINICS

The Club reserves the right to make the tennis courts available for tournament and promotional play, at which time use by the Members may be restricted. Except during special events, only members of the professional staff are permitted to render instruction at the Club. Lessons should be scheduled through the tennis professional. Lessons canceled less than twenty-four (24) hours in advance may be subject to charge.

### 4. ATTIRE

Proper tennis attire and regulation equipment are required at all times on the courts. Shirts must be worn at all times. Men's shirts must have sleeves. Halter tops for women are prohibited. Cutoffs, denim, jeans, bathing attire or bare feet are not acceptable. Soft-soled shoes designed for Har-Tru courts must be worn at all times.

### 5. CHILDREN

Persons under eighteen(18) years of age who are not playing tennis are not permitted in the court enclosures, and children are not permitted to play in the area of the tennis courts.

### 6. TENNIS ETIQUETTE

Members and guests are urged to familiarize themselves with the rules of tennis etiquette. Members are responsible for the conduct of their guests. No person shall enter or cross another court while a point is in play. All persons requesting the return of a tennis ball from another court should ask only when play on the court has halted. Players should not retrieve a tennis ball from another court themselves. Loud or quarrelsome conduct or profanity is prohibited on the tennis courts. No obnoxious behavior will be permitted. The tennis professional, any staff member, and the General Manager have the authority (i) to enforce all rules and regulations, (ii) to supervise the general conduct of all persons at the tennis courts, (iii) to maintain order, and (iv) to reprimand, restrict, discipline and evict any individual not complying with the rules and regulations. No person shall distract or interfere with players while a match is in progress. Spectators are expected to behave courteously.

### 7. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

- Smoking is prohibited on the courts. No game other than tennis may be
  played on the courts, except Bocce Ball as scheduled. Courts shall be
  vacated promptly after all reserved playing time is over.
- No food or beverages, other than water or sports drinks are permitted on the
  courts. No glass containers are allowed on the courts. Non
  member Personal coolers are permitted, provided that all food and
  beverages are purchased at the Club. Member personal coolers are
  permitted, provided that all alcoholic beverages are purchased at the club.

### Frequently Asked Questions for the Online Tennis Reservation System:

- Q. Why are we moving to an online reservation system?
- A. To simultaneously increase fairness and overall court utilization.
- Q. Must you have a Heron Creek website ID prior to accessing the tennis reservation system?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Is your Heron Creek website ID the same as the tennis ID?
- A. No, the tennis ID is 5 digits: your member number followed by zero for a male or 1 for a female.
- Q. If you already have a golf password, can it be used for booking tennis courts?
- A. Yes
- Q. If you don't have a golf/tennis password, how do you get one?
- A. If you don't have a password, the Tennis Pro shop inputs a temporary password.
- Q. Is there a fee for booking a court?
- A. No, only for guests.
- Q. Can you use the booking application from a cell phone?
- A. Yes
- Q. Will I be able to see all the entries of who has courts booked and when?
- A. From a computer, you will see blacked out times, plus your own and other people's bookings. From your phone you will see only courts which are available to be booked.
- Q. How are scheduled recurring bookings handled for fall spring tennis (Including men's open tennis Tuesday and Thursday, Women's open tennis Wednesday and Friday, plus Fun Tennis, Saturday 9:00 AM and Sunday 9:00 AM mixed doubles?
- A. From your computer, they show up in BLACK as bookings. From your phone you see only open courts which are available to be booked.
- Q. Other than those scheduled bookings, are bookings on a first come, first served basis?
- A. Yes
- Q. When you make a booking or cancel a booking, will you get an email like you do for golf?
- A. Yes. Any buddies who are listed on the reservation also get an email. What if no email arrives? You will need to add your email address under the "Profile" tab on the system.
- Q. If only three of the five courts are in use during an open tennis session, may I play on an open court?
- A. In that case, you are considered a drop-in. You can reserve a court on your phone, or check in with the Tennis Pro Shop.
- Q. Can I reserve a court to include guests?
- A. Yes; the instructions show how to assign a guest to a member number, applicable guest fees apply.

- Q. Can a person book for more than 90 minutes?
- A. No.
- Q. If someone books a court online, then shows up and finds someone else on that court, does the person with a reservation have priority?
- A. Yes.
- Q. How many courts can one person book for any given time slot?
- A. One
- Q. How can I book courts for a group event?
- A. A second person in your group needs to reserve the second court, a third person the third court, etc. The system will send an email to all listed players (called buddies). Only the person who makes the reservation can alter it.
- Q. What is the minimum number of players that must be identified in order to book a court?
- A. One.
- Q. If I want to input a buddy list but don't know the member number, how do I get it?
- A. Input the first two letters of his/her last name; the system will search the database.
- Q. If I book a court with three buddies and the players change, do I need to revise the booking?
- A. Yes.
- Q. How many days or weeks out can I book a court?
- A. Seven days
- O. Can I book a court for immediate use?
- A. Yes
- Q. What if I need to cancel a booking?
- A. Delete the booking online or call the Tennis Pro shop.
- Q. Can I create a recurring booking "automatically"?
- A. No
- Q. What happens if I book a court for 90 minutes starting at 8AM and the courts are not dry until 9AM?
- A. Check with the Tennis Pro Shop.
- Q. Who books the courts for league matches?
- A. The Tennis Pro Shop
- Q. Who books a court for warm-up with the Tennis Professional prior to league matches?
- A. The Tennis Pro Shop
- Q. Who books a court for lessons?
- A. The Tennis Pro Shop
- Q. Can I reserve a court then "assign" it to another player?
- A. Yes, but let the Tennis Pro shop know.
- Q. Can the Tennis Pro Shop override a booking?
- A. Yes

### **Tennis Calendar 2025 - 2026**

### October:

October 4 Free Clinic 8am

• October 18 Fitness Equipment Orientation

October 25 Halloween Mixer

### November:

November 1 Free Clinic 8amNovember 3 Bocce Ball 4:00pm

November 8 Season Kick Off & Tennis Mixer

### December:

• December 1 Bocce Ball 4:00pm

• December 2 Ladies Christmas Luncheon

• December 6 Free Clinic 8:00am

December 10 Holiday Tennis Party & Gift Exchange

### January:

• January 3 Free Clinic 8am

January 3 Balls & Bubbles Tennis Mixer

• January 5 Bocce Ball 4:00pm

• January 17 Aussie Open

### February:

February 2
February 7
February 14
Bocce Ball 4:00pm
Free Clinic 8:00am
Valentines Mixer

### March:

March 2 Bocce Ball 4:00pm
March 7 Free Clinic 8:00am
March 21 St. Pat's Tennis Mixer

### April:

April 4 Free Clinic 8:00amApril 6 Bocce Ball 4:00pm

• April 11 End of Season Tournament

• TBD 1st Annual North Port Tennis Championships

### May:

• May 2 Free Clinic 8:00am

• May 4 Bocce Ball Season End Tournament 4:00pm

• TBD Tennis Play Golf Outing

# November 2025

	1 Free Clinic 8am	8 Season Opener				
Sat	1 Free	8 Seas	15	22	29	
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# January 2026

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# February 2026

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# **April** 2026

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# May 2026

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### Fitness Rules & Regulations

### Access:

The Fitness Center is open to Members and their guests from 5am-10pm daily. Your Member Card is required to access the building. Primary access is through the front door located off the parking lot near the Tennis Courts. All Members and guests are required to sign in once they enter the building.

To meet the demands of our Members first, all guests must be accompanied by a Member. Guest privileges may be limited during peak periods as determined in the sole discretion of the Club. Members may bring guests to the Fitness Facility, subject to registration. The host Member will be billed a \$10 daily guest fee for their guest. Please register your guests in the check in log. Guest fees will be billed to your Member account the following day.

Additionally, no guest is permitted to visit the Fitness Center more than 6 times in a calendar year.

### **Courtesy:**

We strive to uphold a safe, clean, and enjoyable environment. As such, we expect proper, respectful conduct on the premises at all times. Members are urged to familiarize themselves with proper fitness etiquette as well as the proper method of handling and using weights and equipment to avoid mishandling and misuse. Equipment orientations will be held periodically for this purpose.

Cardio equipment (Bicycles, Treadmills, Ellipticals, Stair Climbers and Rowing Machines) is on a first come, first serve basis. We ask that you please limit use to 30 minutes, while people are waiting. During peak hours circuit exercise is limited to a maximum of two sets. While Members may have a circuit or workout they follow, we ask that at peak times particularly, you modify your work-out to allow others to work a set in as needed. Please return and rack all weights after use.

Please refrain from cell phone use while in the fitness center. If you need to use your phone, please step out into the hallway or outside. If you prefer your own music for workouts, we ask that you utilize a headset or headphones as your choice of music. Finally, we ask that you sanitize each piece of equipment, including the handles of free weights when you are finished with that piece of equipment. The health of our members is the Club's number one priority. If you will be showering, please remember to bring a personal towel and personal water bottle. There is a water refill station inside the gym and also at the pool area.

Profanity, horseplay, disruptive conduct and offensive behavior are strictly prohibited at the Fitness Facility. Please report any incidences to the Administration office.

The General Manager, Activities Director, Tennis Professional, and any staff member has the authority to (i) enforce the rules and regulations, (ii) supervise the general conduct of all persons at the Fitness Facility, (iii) maintain order, and (iv) hold accountable any individual not complying with the Club rules and regulations.

### **Dress:**

Rubber soled athletic shoes must be worn. Open toed shoes, sandals or flip flops, street shoes or golf shoes are not permitted in the workout areas. Proper athletic or gym attire must be worn. Shirts and shoes must be worn at all times. Shoes worn on clay tennis courts must be cleaned prior to entering the Fitness Center.

### **Emergencies & Injuries:**

Any Member who incurs an injury or becomes dizzy/ill while using the center should immediately call 911. A first aid kit is located in the Tennis Pro Shop for minor injuries and an AED (automatic external defibrillator) is located in the main entrance hall. Please inform the Administration Offices of any cases of injury or illness.

### Food and Beverages:

Other than water bottles, food and beverages are not allowed in the center. Tobacco of any kind, and chewing gum are also not allowed. Please remember to bring your personal water bottle each time you work out to ensure proper hydration. A water refill station is located in the Gym and at the pool area.

### **Group Exercise Classes:**

The Club offers a variety of fitness classes with a number of qualified instructors. Check the Heron Creek Newsletter or announcement boards outside the Fitness Rooms for the latest information on classes. Be advised that the Membership Number on your Member Card will be used to track payment for any classes offered through the Fitness Center. If you have questions regarding classes or payment, please contact the Activities Director at <a href="activitiesdirector@heron-creek.com">activitiesdirector@heron-creek.com</a> or call 941-240-5100. Only personal trainers who are approved by the Club may provide training services to Members at the Fitness Facility.

### Health and Safety:

If you have any contagious illness, please do not enter the Fitness Center. Sanitizing Wipes are available in the fitness center for cleaning perspiration from pads, benches and handholds of equipment and free weights. Please be courteous of fellow Members and use the supplies provided in the areas that you use. Any Member or guest with health or physical problems should first provide a Physician's clearance in writing prior to using the Fitness Facility. Members, family members and guests assume full risk of loss and responsibility for damage to their health.

### **Matrix Recumbent Bike**



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# Leg Extension / Leg Curl



- . Angled gads and ideal pivot location promote full muscle contraction and alignment
- . Back pad ratchets forward for easy adjustment from the
- . Dual-action CAM enables a smooth transition between exercises
- . Adjustments are easily performed in the seated position
- . Clearly Indicated adjustments for ease of use

### **Functional Trainer**



Lat Pulldown / Seated Row



MATRIX

- . Thigh pad easily adjusts to provide stability and comfort
- . Elevated foot rests provide stability and comfort during heavy
- . Stainless-steel cable guides provide added protection for lasting durability
- . Clearly indicated adjustments for ease of use

- ✓ Two nylon strap handles standard. OPTIONAL FEATURES ✓ Steel shrouds powder coated and clear coated for a mar resistant and lustrous finish.
- ✓ Weight stacks can be upgraded in 50 lb. increments up to 300 lbs. each. √ 4:1 Cable pull to provide over 13 feet of travel and lower

√ 88\* Overall height.

- weight momentum.

  ✓ Five piece accessory kit with aluminum revolving long
- bar, ankle strap, triceps rope, short revolving straight bar, and functional exercise handle.

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Lifetime limited warranty on frame, welds and weights; one year on cables and moving parts. See warranty for details.

### **Matrix Treadmill**





Storage Rack
 Sb-25b Rubber Her Dumbbell Set
 (3) Hanging Math 24" x 71"
 (3) Stability Balls (55cm,65cm, 575cm)
 (6) Rubber Modicine Balls
 (6) Rubber Coated Kettlebells
 (4) Resistance Tubes with Handles

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