

RGSSL Tennis Club - Season 2023

The Vision

- 1) RGSSL stands for "**Richmond Good Samaritan Sports League**". The title "**Good Samaritan**" will be used for no other purpose than to promote a culture of true respect among its members. "**Different, Not Less**" will be the motto of this club to help promote true inclusion among all members.

- 2) RGSSL Tennis Club will hold two meetings per season. There will be a meeting the 1st week of April to prepare for the opening season and there will be an AGM meeting at the end of October to discuss the season and elect its board members. This Board will consist of a President, Vice-President, Past President, Treasurer, Secretary, Marketing/Social Director, Grounds/Facilities Director, Junior Development Director, Webmaster, Neurodiversity Director & Programs Director. The Board will also elect a minimum of one member with a disability to serve on its Board for the purpose of promoting inclusion within the Club. The Board will work with this member to create learning opportunities within the Club. The "**RGSSL Board**" will act as a voice for all its Members. Its purpose is to work with the City of Ottawa to promote a healthy club.

- 3) RGSSL Tennis Club will be the first to introduce a shared model as opposed to a private club for the communities of Richmond & Munster. In order to accomplish this project, RGSSL Tennis Club needs access to Richmond and Munster tennis courts so it can run its programs & leagues efficiently while sharing the courts with non-members. RGSSL Tennis Club will use 25% Time Zone which would mean 6 hours per day allocated to RGSSL Tennis Club with 75% open to the public.

Courts will be numbered as follows:

- **Richmond**
 1. Court with wall #1
 2. Court #2
 3. Court #3

- **Munster**
 1. Court #4
 2. Court #5

The Club will have access to the courts in Richmond/Munster with the times allocated to them by the City of Ottawa. All times booked by the Club will be posted on a Bulletin Board at the Courts & on the RGSSL Tennis Club website one month in advance.

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RGSSL Tennis Club would like the courts resurfaced with an addition to 2 more tennis courts and 4 pickleball courts separate from the tennis courts. It will try to find a local builder to accommodate this need and present something that the City of Ottawa could approve.

- 4) RGSSL Tennis Club members will only have access to club courts "if" they are booked one week ahead of time. Otherwise, RGSSL Tennis Club applies the first come, first serve rule. If any of RGSSL Tennis Club courts are not booked or occupied, they are open for public use. No one can be bumped unless the club courts were booked one week ahead of time. All bookings will be posted on our website and at the tennis courts for members & non-members to view. All members are to give the same respect to non-members as they would to members. RGSSL Tennis Club will not book over programs that have already been established by non-members before the club was established. **Members & non-members must not play more than 1 hour if there is someone else waiting to play and the game was not scheduled ahead of time except for organized events. Club Programs & League Times are an exception to this rule.**

- 5) RGSSL Tennis Club Lessons & Camps
 - RGSSL Tennis Club will coordinate with the City of Ottawa and local associations the lessons that will be given on the courts.
 - RGSSL Tennis Club has hired Tennis Instructor Horacio Loor as its Club Pro to create programs for lessons to be offered at Richmond & Munster Tennis Courts.
 - Horacio Loor & Sylvain Sauve are the TPA instructors who will give the lessons at Richmond & Munster Courts and who will overlook, with the executive, the progress of the Club.

- 6) RGSSL Tennis Club leagues
 - Ladies' Night planned for Season 2023
 - RGSSL House League will continue for Season 2023
 - Junior Development League will continue for Season 2023

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7) RGSSL Tennis Club Social Days/Nights

- To be developed for the 2023 season.
- The Executive will overlook the evolution of these days/ nights with what works and what doesn't. Some of the board's informal meeting will take place on the courts.
- Once RGSSL Tennis Club has acquired enough interest & volunteers, more nights and maybe mornings could be added to the calendar with the approval of the City of Ottawa.
- RGSSL Tennis Club aims to have a contract with the City of Ottawa which will help the club grow to its full potential

8) Volunteers (Good Samaritans)

- All volunteers must have a Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) done. The cost will be absorbed by the Club. Presently, it is free if sponsored.
- RGSSL Tennis Club considers volunteers as Good Samaritans and will use a reward system to show their appreciation.
- The City of Ottawa guidelines will be used.
- Trainings through the City of Ottawa will be provided by the club to volunteers.

9) Sponsorship

- RGSSL Tennis Club is looking at selling lessons to local businesses to get sponsors. The businesses can take those lessons to offer to their patrons or employees. The memberships & lessons will have "Courtesy of" which will help membership registrations increase and create a gift that businesses can use to market their place.
- RGSSL Tennis Club will approach Munster Community Association & the RVA to partner up with them as we can promote each other in positive ways.
- 100% of the funds will be used to improve the health of RGSSL Tennis Club & the courts with a small portion going to pay Instructors.

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10) Membership for 2023 season

- RGSSL Tennis Club will give a family membership of 2 adults and 2 children after 8 lessons @ \$20 purchased
- RGSSL Tennis Club will give an adult membership after 4 lessons @ \$20 have been purchased. (18 and over)
- RGSSL Tennis Club will give a student membership after 3 lessons @ \$20 have been purchased. (Full-Time Students from 18 to 24 years of age)
- RGSSL Tennis Club will give a Junior/Senior membership after 2 lessons @ \$20 have been purchased. (12 and under/ 65 and over)
- \$10 per adult & \$3 per juniors goes to OTA. All members of the Club are members of the OTA.
- 100% of membership fees belong to the club and are to be used to pay the Club Pro & for Club purposes only which members get to vote on.
- Any expenses from the fees are to be Motioned by one board member, Seconded by one board member & Approved by a majority before moving forward.
- All members are not only allowed, they are encouraged to present any improvements that could be made to the club that would benefit all members which gets the approval of the executive before being implemented.

11) City of Ottawa

- RGSSL Tennis Club will honor the contract laid out by the City of Ottawa
- RGSSL Tennis Club will cooperate with councillor's office if the purpose is to serve **all** residents of its municipalities.

12) Plans to grow

- This plan will be revised throughout the tennis year to be approved by the city.
- RGSSL plans to attract other leagues to its club in the future with the same philosophy that everyone should be allowed to play. Lions Park already has the facilities to accommodate many sports and RGSSL looks to explore all the possibilities once a volunteer base has been established moving forward.

13) Insurance

- RGSSL Tennis Club has purchased insurance through the OTA for the 2022 season which covers RGSSL Tennis Club in case of misfortunate events and will renew its insurance for future seasons. The Club Pro is also insured through the TPA. Plans are to continue insuring with the addition of its directors in the 2023 season as it expects its directors to be active on the courts when present.