

June 15, 2023 Parks & Recreation Board Public Comment

USTA Tennis Information – Randie Lettington, USTA SoCal- San Diego

I have run Adult Tennis League Programming for the USTA SoCal in the San Diego Area for 6 years and have firsthand experienced the local growth in tennis activities. League and Tournaments are the tip of the recreational player experience for those who want to experience scheduled matches against competitive level opponents. Growth in league participation, generally represents more players overall . As they gain experience, they desire to compete more. I have visibility to what is happening throughout the county as I coordinate play at over 40 private and public facilities in SD County to develop programs for their players. I'm aware of capacity issues and scheduling challenges to accommodate the teams and players.

As has been shared by Todd previously, tennis growth nationally has been roughly 20% since 2019. San Diego exceeds that level of growth with participation numbers in the 20-30% range over multiple years. USTA has recognized San Diego as a top area for growth nationally out of 300+ geographic areas for at least the past 5 years.

Tennis is thriving but there are 3 concerns for tennis players:

- 1) Fewer tennis courts. Past years have shown loss of clubs to redevelopment as well as conversion to p-ball. Singing Hills. Astiz, Del Cerro, Fit Athletic, Stoneridge, Bobby Riggs, Rancho Arbolitos to name a few. Existing tennis courts are needed for tennis- our community cannot continue to lose capacity while our sport continues to grow.
- 2) Many public school courts exist but they are not affordable and accessible as PASD continues to imply.
 - Utilizing high school courts is cost prohibitive. Most public high schools and community colleges (i.e. SDUSD, PUSD) utilize the Facilitron booking system for all facility reservations. The cost for a 2 hour court reservation for 3 courts with restroom access (required for league play) can range from \$400- over \$900.
 - Attached are examples from Mission Bay HS, now a joint use facility and Patrick Henry HS. It's not sustainable as an outlet for tennis players. Schools have not been responsive to negotiate fees- although we are starting a pilot program with MiraCosta College in Oceanside who has been receptive to working together. Hopefully, we can work with the City on the Joint Use program to reserve outside of the Facilitron system. (Salome is asking Ana to reach out to discuss.) Many school courts are locked or are occasionally available for community drop in access but not available for scheduled tennis.

3) Demand is very high to play tennis and teams are full. The waitlist for players who want to join USTA teams currently is roughly 200 at this time. The majority of teams form at tennis clubs and many have waitlists to join of 6 month to 1 yr plus. Players who are not members of clubs can only form teams where rental courts are available (very limited). Our programs have maxed out at local facilities and we need additional courts to accommodate building new teams. Tournament play also competes for the same court space at clubs.

Why is Peninsula so critical to our tennis eco-system?

- Open to the public- New players to the area can join clinics and open play. It is affordable and inclusive. Many new players relocating to San Diego want to continue playing here and we have few options for them. I refer people to clubs that best suit their level, age and where programs are strong. PTC checks many of those boxes.
- Peninsula encourages and promotes team play and provides opportunities for its members and non-members alike.
- Serves the community for Pt Loma HS and middle school PE programs
- Supports greater tennis community with courts for National events/ Sectionals events. (As an example, USTA Adult League Sectionals utilized courts on 6/2 for an event and there are National tournaments that utilize PTC to supplement Barnes TC.

As feedback to the comment made by Ms. Humphries, the May 19th court block marked as 'Other' at Peninsula was actually a reservation by USTA SoCal for a league Sectionals event. The hold was put on the courts 4/13 but was released on 5/15 due to schedule changes. PBSO implied this was falsifying usage.

Pickleball growth is great for racquet sports overall but it should not be at the expense of growing tennis just because it's easier to convert tennis courts than build new. SD tennis players have developed and maintained these public park clubs over many years and deserve to use them for their designated use. As tennis continues to grow, clubs such as Rancho Penasquitos and Mountain View (MLK Park) are making strides toward adding tennis courts to our inventory by following City processes and fundraising.

Thank you for your consideration and support of continued tennis growth.

Randie Lettington

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league

Tennis Court 6	07/15/2023 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Tennis Court 3	07/15/2023 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Tennis Court 2	07/15/2023 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Event Insurance

This facility requires event liability insurance. [\(view insurance requirements\)](#)

Event Insurance Protection

Please note that **you will need to obtain and upload a Certificate of Insurance** that satisfies the requirements above prior to your first event date. You can purchase insurance from your provider of choice. Once purchased, you can upload a PDF of your certificate of insurance for verification.

Optional Services & Equipment

Options selected below apply to all days in the reservation. Prices shown are the totals (per unit) for all uses.

- Showers/Locker Rooms \$129.68
- Tennis Court Lights \$144.00
- Food Service \$60.00



Order Summary

Restroom Use	\$183.34
Custodial Staff	\$92.00
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Tennis Court 3	\$187.30
Tennis Court 2	\$187.30

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This is the best estimate based on the provided information.

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Payment

Card
 eCheck
 PayPal
 By Mail

Pay Full Estimate: **\$970.53**

 Pay 35% of Full Estimate: **\$339.69**



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league
 Attendance: 12
 Mission Bay High School
 Personal Use (Rando Lettington)
Tennis Courts(3)
 07/15/2023 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM



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Restroom Use	\$183.34
Custodial Staff	\$92.00
Facility Rental:	\$561.90
Service Fee:	\$100.47
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league match

Tennis Court 8	07/15/2023 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Tennis Court 7	07/15/2023 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
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