

BALL MACHINE POLICY

Effective 12/12/2018

Amador Tennis Club has purchased a high-quality ball machine for use by ATC members and the high school tennis teams. The ball machine is in a locked storage cage inside the Argonaut tennis shed, and is loaded with regular (yellow) tennis balls. Due to the expense of the equipment, the following rules and requirements are imposed:

- Only dues-paying members of ATC will have access to the machine.
- ATC dues are paid annually at the beginning of the calendar year; if you pay later in the year, your payment will not be pro-rated.
- Dues are \$20 for an individual or family, **plus** an extra \$20/year for access to the ball machine.
- Training on handling and use is required prior to getting access to the ball machine. Contact David Hopman, Ball Machine Coordinator, to set up a session: pleh@comcast.net You can pay dues and ball machine fees in advance, or pay at the beginning of the training session.
- The ball machine must be used at Argonaut tennis courts—EXCEPT designated Amador HS tennis coaches are allowed to move the machine to Amador HS.
- ATC will furnish tennis balls for the machine and replace them periodically. These balls cannot be swapped out for any other type of ball. The user is responsible for picking up all balls and returning them to the machine, leaving it full for the next user. Please do not remove any balls (even if they have become flat) before contacting David Hopman, Ball Machine Coordinator, by email to pleh@comcast.net
- There will be a calendar on the cage. If you want to reserve the machine, write your name and reservation time on the appropriate date on the calendar. No more than 3 advance reservations per person.
- Reservations are limited to 1 hour max for individuals and 2 hours max for high school teams or JTT. (Exceptions will be made for Amador High Tennis Team transport & use.)
- Drop-in use is allowed. If you get to the courts and nobody is using the machine and nobody is signed up, you can use it. If somebody has signed up and do not arrive within 10 minutes after their signup start, you can use the machine.
- Ball machine privileges are NOT transferrable. Anyone who gives access to others will be denied future access. ATC will on occasion CHANGE the combination to the ball machine cage. The new combo will be emailed only to paid subscribers.
- You must be 18 years old to use the machine unsupervised.
- JTT coaches who have paid and been trained may use the ball machine. If using it with a group, only the coach needs to be a paid subscriber. Similarly, a subscriber may use the ball machine with a couple of friends for their given hour (you don't have to use the machine all alone). The paid subscriber is responsible for the equipment.

Dues and ball machine fees can be paid online via PayPal at www.amadortennisclub.org/donate.htm

Dues can also be mailed to: ATC, c/o Sheilah Asher, 9611 Summit Pl, Jackson CA 95642

Please include your phone number and email address so we can contact you about training and access.