

Easton Racquet Club

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Dear Prospective Member(s)

Thank you for your interest in The Easton Racquet Club. We would like to take this opportunity to familiarize you with an overview of our facilities; membership offerings; organizational structure; rules; fee structure, and application process.

ERC is situated on a 10-acre parcel of land in Easton, which is surrounded by protected watershed acreage owned by the Bridgeport Hydraulic Company. This affords us privacy amid peaceful surroundings.

The club currently has six Har-Tru tennis courts with state of the art court lighting for night play during season, a heated, seasonal outdoor pool, and two lighted new platform tennis courts for play throughout the winter.

Because we are member owned and operated, ERC members enjoy round the clock access to all of our facilities in season. In addition, members have year round, 24-hour access to our main clubhouse, which contains a pro shop, locker rooms, and a party facility complete with bar, dance floor, kitchen, wide screen plasma television, and stereo.

A basketball court, children's playground, hitting wall, and pool clubhouse with full changing and shower facilities are also on the premises. A weekend barbeque is available in season for a nominal fee, but members are always welcome to bring their own picnic meals or snacks.

ERC has an in season resident tennis pro, as well as an assistant pro. A full spectrum of individual and group lessons, as well as clinics, is available at rates set by the club. In addition, there are many opportunities for social and competitive play at every ability level.

Our pool is the center of warm weather off-court activity and is staffed daily by a certified lifeguard. Children's swim lessons and adult water aerobics are a few of the programs that have been available this season. Lounges, chairs and umbrella tables, as well as an awning-shaded area are provided poolside. Snacks are always available poolside for a nominal fee.

An annual schedule of both tennis and non-tennis social activities are planned each year based on the desires of the membership. While we do have a paid club manager and seasonal staff, volunteer chairpersons and committees plan and run these events with member input. Our committees have exciting plans for changes and additions to our programs and physical facilities for the future. All new members are encouraged to serve on the committee of their choice.

For a daily fee, ERC members are welcome to bring guests to use our facilities. Certain special events are also open to guests. Members may also rent the clubhouse for their exclusive use during off-season.

Current rules of the United States Tennis Association and the United States Platform Tennis Association govern court play at ERC. Proper tennis attire is required at all times for players of all ages, with violators being refused court time.

It is expected that all ERC family members and their guests shall conduct themselves decorously and exhibit common courtesy both on the courts and off at all times.

ERC is served by an elected, volunteer Board of Directors, which in turn elects the club's officers. The officers and board members meet year round to govern and conduct the business of the club. These meetings are open to the general membership and the board may be addressed by prior request.

Membership to ERC is on a first come, first serve basis. All prospective members are required to submit completed applications with application fee in order to be placed on the ERC waiting list. All applicants must have a personal interview at the club before acceptance. All new members are considered provisional for their first year of membership.

Our current fee structure is as follows:

- 1) A non-refundable \$250 application and processing fee is due when you submit your completed application.**
- 2) A non-refundable initiation fee of \$5000 must be paid at the time of acceptance to provisional membership.**
- 3) A refundable bond of \$3500 must be paid in two equal, successive annual payments beginning with your acceptance to provisional membership. This bond is a fixed value, non-interest bearing instrument. Upon your resignation from the club, ERC will repay the bondholder as their membership is replaced, and in like amount and fashion as originally purchased.**

4) Family dues are \$215 per month including tax. Rules concerning proportional payments for new and resigning members are contained in the by-laws.

5) A quarterly assessment of \$75 per membership is collected for the long-range planning/sinking fund, as well as a \$50 annual corkage fee.

The club mails monthly billing statements and prompt payment is necessary in order to remain a member in good standing.

All of the fees stated herein are currently in effect and are subject to change without notice. You will be charged the prevailing rates at the time of your acceptance to membership.

We hope that the information contained in this letter has answered your questions about ERC, and that you will choose to pursue membership with us. If so, please return your completed application with application fee to:

Easton Racquet Club
Wimbledon Lane
P.O. Box 152
Easton, CT 06612

We thank you again for your interest in The Easton Racquet Club and look forward to receiving your application in the near future.

If after reading this letter of introduction you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ruth Straughn – 374-6837
ERC Membership Chair