

Clay Court Closures FAQ

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Question: It is 50° both Saturday and Sunday, yet no one is able to play on the clay courts until 4:00pm. Why?

Answer: The courts are still wet. The reason they are wet is because of overnight freezing conditions (temperatures less than 32°). Depending on how severe the freeze is, courts can take many hours to thaw and become playable.

Question: Why are some days courts available earlier and some days much later?

Answer: It depends on the harshness of the freeze the night before. If it is colder than 28° for an extended period of time, it will take the courts until afternoon to thaw and dry. If it is warmer, but still freezing (32°), some courts could open earlier in the day.

Question: Why are some courts playable and some courts closed?

Answer: Courts thaw and dry at different rates, depending on sun exposure. Those in the sun are playable earlier than those that shade areas. Courts 1-6, 10 and 11 are often playable the soonest.

Question: Why can I not play on a clay court if it is wet?

Answer: Two reasons: 1) You can seriously injure yourself. Wet clay is slippery and the court lines are raised after a freeze and become a tripping hazard. 2) You can damage the courts, resulting in poor playing conditions for you and other members playing later in the day.

Question: Why did I receive a "rain delay" message even though it is not raining?

Answer: A rain delay indicates "unplayable court conditions". The rain delay is a feature in our software system that notifies you and your playing partners if a court is unplayable due to rain, freezing or other adverse conditions. Please be sure your phone number and email address are current on our system to receive timely notifications.

Question: Who makes the judgment call on whether the courts are playable?

Answer: Our maintenance staff determines if courts are playable. They are experienced and understand the dynamics of keeping the courts in good, safe condition. If the maintenance staff is not available, a tennis pro makes determinations regarding courts. All information is relayed to our staff at the front desk; please check in prior to going on court.

We hope this provides helpful clarification. Thank you for your cooperation.