



MT. LEBANON RACKET CENTER

Dear Mt. Lebanon Racket Center Community,

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As we head into the outdoor season, I want to thank everyone for their patience, flexibility and cooperation during our transition to our new reservation software CourtReserve. We know any software change comes with an adjustment period, and we truly appreciate the support from our community throughout the process. We've already received many positive comments from players and parents regarding the new platform's convenience, mobile app features, easier reservations, and improved communication tools. We're excited about what CourtReserve will continue to offer and appreciate everyone taking the time to set up their account and learn the new system.

As we fully transition to the outdoor season, I would also like to extend a special thank you to our full time staff Maintenance Superintendent David Ambrecht and Head Professional Megan Foster. David worked tirelessly during the seasonal transition, breaking down the bubbles and preparing the outdoor courts is a major undertaking each spring, and his efforts helped get the facility ready in time for the outdoor season. Megan did a fantastic job organizing and adding new spring programming, creating instructor schedules, and getting teaching equipment ready. Her efforts behind the scenes have played a major role in getting programs and activities up and running smoothly. Because of their hard efforts, we had a seamless transition into outdoor season. Thank you!

With outdoor tennis season now underway, we're looking forward to another great summer at the Racket Center. The courts are busy, programs are ramping up, and it's great seeing the facility full of activity again. As a reminder, all court cancellations must be made at least two hour prior to your reservation start time in order to receive account credit. This policy helps us maximize court availability for all users and allows others the opportunity to reserve open courts.

Please also remember that weather-related updates and inclement weather cancellations will be communicated through CourtReserve email notifications whenever possible. You can see live updates on facility closures by checking the mobile app or desktop site and looking under "Announcements." We encourage all users to check their email and CourtReserve announcements tab for the latest updates. For weather related closures, a credit will be posted to your account.

Thank you again for your continued support, and we look forward to a fantastic outdoor season!

Darin Rauso, Racket Center Manager



About Our Facility



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Tennis began in Mt. Lebanon as a backyard sport. The original private court that belonged to first Mt. Lebanon solicitor, Samuel Schreiner, still exists behind the house he built on St. Clair Circle in 1929. Over the years, however, the sport grew in popularity - both to play and to watch. Mt. Lebanon Recreation Department, in partnership with the previous Indoor Tennis of Mt. Lebanon, has been able to expand from one scruffy public court to the 13 well-maintained courts we now enjoy, including six with winter "bubbles" that provide year-round play. In addition, we have viewing stands, and a tennis center building with a community room. Located next to our Racket Center building, is our popular state of the art hitting wall, available to be used by reservation during operating hours of the Racket Center.

In addition to our tennis courts, we also have four platform tennis courts and a newly built paddle hut. The Mt. Lebanon Platform Tennis Association (MLPTA) and the municipality operate as partners in the maintenance and upkeep of the platform tennis facilities. Platform tennis, also known as paddle tennis, is thriving in Mt. Lebanon. Mt. Lebanon fields a number of teams in both the men's and women's Western Pennsylvania Platform Tennis Association (WPPTA) leagues.

Racket Center Hours of Operation (Outdoor)

Monday:	8 A.M. - 9 P.M.
Tuesday:	8 A.M. - 9 P.M.
Wednesday:	8 A.M. - 9 P.M.
Thursday:	8 A.M. - 9 P.M.
Friday:	8 A.M. - 9 P.M.
Saturday:	8 A.M. - 7 P.M.
Sunday:	8 A.M. - 9 P.M.



Websites: Online Reservations/Programs:

[CourtReserve](#)

Racket Center Facility Info:

mtlebanon.org

STAY UP TO DATE!

Be sure to check out our Bulletin Board on your way in for information, flyers, events, and other notices!

RACKET CENTER NEW SOFTWARE COURTRESERVE

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

- 1** | Scan the QR code below to download the CourtReserve mobile app
- 2** | Select Get Started, enter your email then search "Mt. Lebanon"
- 3** | Create the primary household account first, then add additional family members



QUESTIONS? CALL THE RACKET CENTER AT (412) 343-3411

Updated Court Numbers



Adult Weekly Drop-in Tennis/Pickleball Clinics

- **New registrations each week! Choose based upon your schedule**
- **Registrations open for each class 7 days in advance at 8 a.m.**
- **Sign up through [CourtReserve](#)**

Day of Week	Clinic & Level	Time	Price
Mondays	Live Ball Tennis (3.0-4.0)	9:30 to 10:30 a.m.	\$18
Mondays	Private Tennis Lesson	10:30 to 11:30 a.m.	\$80
Mondays	Beginner Plus Pickleball (2.5)	11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	\$24-\$27
Mondays	Adult Tennis Clinic (3.5+)	5:30 to 7 p.m.	\$24-\$27
Mondays	LiveBall Pickleball (3.0)	6 to 7 p.m.	\$16-\$18
Tuesdays	LiveBall Tennis (3.0-4.0)	6 to 7 p.m.	\$18
Tuesdays	Adult Tennis Clinic (3.0+)	7:30 to 9 p.m.	\$24-\$27
Wednesdays	Private Tennis Lesson	10:30 to 11:30 a.m.	\$80
Wednesdays	LiveBall Pickleball (3.0)	6 to 7 p.m.	\$16-\$18
Wednesdays	Intermediate Pickleball (3.0+)	6 to 7:30 p.m.	\$24-\$27
Wednesdays	LiveBall Tennis (3.0-4.0)	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	\$18
Wednesdays	Adult Tennis Clinic (3.5+)	7:30 to 9 p.m.	\$24-\$27
Thursdays	Cardio Tennis (3.0-4.0)	9:30 to 10:30 a.m.	\$20
Thursdays	Private Tennis Lesson	10:30 to 11:30 a.m.	\$80
Thursdays	Intro to Pickleball (2.0-2.5)	6 to 7 p.m.	\$16-\$18
Thursdays	Cardio Tennis (3.0-4.0)	7 to 8 p.m.	\$20
Thursdays	Pickleball Skill of the Week	7:30 to 8:30 p.m.	\$16-\$18
Fridays	Cardio Tennis (3.0-4.0)	9:30 to 10:30 a.m.	\$20
Saturdays	Intro to Pickleball (2.0-2.5)	9 to 10 a.m.	\$16-\$18
Saturdays	Beginner Plus Pickleball (2.5)	10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.	\$24-\$27
Saturdays	Private Tennis Lesson	12 to 1 p.m.	\$80
Sundays	Private Tennis Lesson	10 to 11 a.m.	\$80
Sundays	Organized Play Pickleball	11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	\$10
Sundays	LiveBall Tennis (3.0-4.0)	11 a.m. to 12 p.m.	\$18

Junior Programming (Session)

MAY - JUNE SESSION CLINIC (5 weeks)

May 4 - June 7 (*NO CLASS 5/25*)

For questions on class placement, email [Megan Foster](mailto:Megan.Foster@youthsports.org)

[*Register through CourtReserve*](#)

Day of Week	Clinic Level & Age	Time	Dates
Mondays	Big Kids 5-6 yrs	4 to 5 p.m.	May 4-June 1
Mondays	Red Ball Club 10 & Under	4 to 5 p.m.	May 4-June 1
Mondays	Red Ball Plus 10 & Under	4 to 5 p.m.	May 4-June 1
Mondays	Orange Ball Club 10 & Under	4 to 5 p.m.	May 4-June 1
Wednesdays	Big Kids 5-6 yrs	4 to 5 p.m.	May 6-June 3
Wednesdays	Red Ball Club 10 & Under	4 to 5 p.m.	May 6-June 3
Wednesdays	Red Ball Plus 10 & Under	4 to 5 p.m.	May 6-June 3
Wednesdays	Orange Ball Club 10 & Under	4 to 5 p.m.	May 6-June 3
Wednesdays	Youth 1 11-17 yrs	5 to 6:30 p.m.	May 6-June 3
Wednesdays	Youth 2 11-17 yrs	5 to 6:30 p.m.	May 6-June 3
Thursdays	Big Kids 5-6 yrs	4 to 5 p.m.	May 7-June 4
Thursdays	Red Ball Club 10 & Under	4 to 5 p.m.	May 7-June 4
Thursdays	Youth 1 11-17 yrs	5 to 6:30 p.m.	May 7-June 4
Thursdays	Youth 2 11-17 yrs	5 to 6:30 p.m.	May 7-June 4
Sundays	Big Kids 5-6 yrs	11 a.m. to Noon	May 10-June 7
Sundays	Red Ball Club 10 & Under	11 a.m. to Noon	May 10-June 7
Sundays	Orange Ball Club 10 & Under	Noon to 1 p.m.	May 10-June 7
Sundays	Youth 1 11-17 yrs	Noon to 1:30 p.m.	May 10-June 7
Sundays	Youth 2 11-17 yrs	2 to 3:30 p.m.	May 10-June 7
Sundays	JV 11-17 yrs	2 to 4 p.m.	May 10-June 7

Adult Programming (Session)

MAY - JUNE SESSION CLINIC (5 weeks)

May 9 - June 7

For questions on class placement, email [Megan Foster](#)

[*Register through CourtReserve*](#)

Day of Week	Clinic Level	Time	Dates
Saturdays	Beginner (2.0-2.5)	8 to 9:30 a.m.	May 9-June 6
Saturdays	Beginner Plus (2.5-3.0)	8 to 9:30 a.m.	May 9-June 6
Saturdays	Intermediate (3.5+)	9:30 to 11 a.m.	May 9-June 6
Saturdays	Advanced Intermediate (4.0+)	9:30 to 11 a.m.	May 9-June 6
Sundays	Beginner (2.0-2.5)	8 to 9:30 a.m.	May 10-June 7
Sundays	Beginner Plus (2.5-3.0)	8 to 9:30 a.m.	May 10-June 7
Sundays	Intermediate (3.5+)	9:30 to 11 a.m.	May 10-June 7
Sundays	Advanced Intermediate (4.0+)	9:30 to 11 a.m.	May 10-June 7

Summer Session 1 - Registration

Mt. Lebanon Residents - Friday, May 22 @ 9 a.m.

Non-Residents - Friday, May 29 @ 9 a.m.



Pickleball Operating Procedures/Rules

Operating Procedures/Rules

1. Timeslots - Timeslots on all courts are in half-hour increments. A one-hour minimum reservation is required. There are no designations for singles or doubles courts. Operating hours are from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday-Friday, and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays. The Racket Center reserves the right to close early in the evening if there are no reservations.
2. Online reservations are encouraged for pickleball courts. You may make a reservation up to one week in advance. Payment is due at the time of reservation.
3. Fees - Court fees are \$12/court/hr. There are no additional convenience fees for online reservations.
4. Everyone must check in with the Racket Center cashier before going to their court.
5. Splitting payments for court reservations is not permitted. Each group must pay for their court with a single payment/single transaction. Credit card payments preferred.
6. Time played is time paid. Staying on and playing after your scheduled reservation is not permitted. Please be considerate of others and leave the court promptly at the end of your reservation. If available, time can be extended at the front desk with payment.
7. Walk-up reservations - Walk-up reservations are welcomed if space is available.
8. Cancellations - Anyone may cancel their reservation online up two hours prior to the start time, and a credit will be issued to the account. Within four hours of the start time, reservation fees are nonrefundable.
9. If your reservation is rained/snowed out and you cannot play at least half of your time, we will put a credit on your account. If you have played for at least half of your court time, no credit will be issued.
10. Only instructors employed and certified by the Mt. Lebanon Racket Center are permitted to teach lessons. Outside instruction/coaching is not allowed.
11. Water is the only drink permitted inside pickleball court area. All other drinks/food must stay outside court area.
12. Pets, bicycles, rollerblades, skateboards and scooters are prohibited.
13. Shirts are required and must be worn at all times.
14. No smoking, vaping, or tobacco products of any kind.
15. No abusive language, shouting, or aggressive behavior.
16. Do not walk behind active courts while points are in play.
17. Non-marking tennis shoes are required.
18. Playing music is not permitted except through earbuds or headphones and only audible to the individual listener.
19. Younger Children - Children must be at least 11 years old to play on the courts unless they are playing with a parent or guardian. Regardless of age, children must be capable of observing all the rules and regulations while at the Racket Center.
20. Junior Pickleball Clinics - Children 10 and younger must be dropped off and picked up at their designated court by a parent or guardian. Please be prompt. Children 10 and younger will not be released without a parent or guardian present. Regardless of age, children must be capable of observing all the rules and regulations while at the Racket Center.
21. Questions? If you have any questions, you may call the Racket Center at (412) 343-3411.
22. All rules and policies are subject to change.

Construction Updates

Cedar Blvd Court Lighting Improvement:

- Pickleball courts and tennis courts 1-6 lighting fixtures have been upgraded to LED. This allows a better evening experience for all our players starting now! We hope you enjoy!

Court 13 Railing:

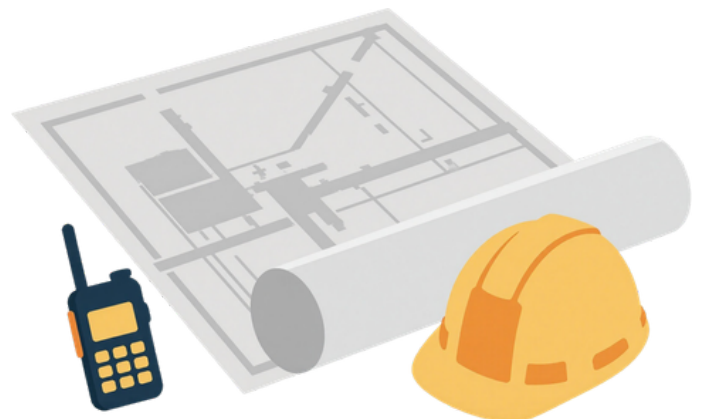
- Railing will be installed on the walkway around court 13 on the hill for safety. Completion is set for this summer.

Fencing Improvements:

- Courts 3-6, and Court 10 fence will be updated this summer. Stay tuned for updates regarding this project!

Pickleball Court Construction:

- Project is completed, with color coating to be applied in the spring!
- Temporary lines have been painted, with nets installed.
- Courts are open!
 1. Pickleball courts will not have a bubble.
 2. We have six pickleball hard courts.
 3. Players pay a fee to use the courts.
 4. Reserving courts is the same process as reserving tennis courts.
 5. Many program and lesson offerings for pickleball are offered!



Racket Restringing Tips

playerssports.co.nz

Why Should You Restring Your Racket?

Tennis strings don't last forever. Over time, they lose resilience, creating a stiff or "dead" feeling, which can make your shots feel off and even lead to arm discomfort. A freshly strung racket, on the other hand, will **absorb impact better**, offering **more control, comfort, and consistency**.

Here are some signs it's time to restring:

- **Loss of control:** Shots don't feel as predictable, and your precision takes a hit.
- **Less power:** You have to put in more effort for the same results.
- **Feel is off:** Your racket feels harsher and may even cause arm or wrist discomfort.

In short, if your racket **feels different** or **less responsive**, it's probably time for a restring.

How Often Should You Restring Your Racket?

There's a handy rule of thumb: **at minimum, restring as many times per year as you play per week**. So, if you're on the court twice a week, aim to restring at least twice a year. Of course, if you're playing intensely, especially in tournaments, consider restringing more frequently to keep your racket performing at its best. **The more often you restring, the better consistency you'll get from your racket over time.**

Finding the Right String Tension for Your Game

The tension of your strings has a **huge impact** on how your racket feels and plays. Here's a quick breakdown to help you choose the right tension for your style:

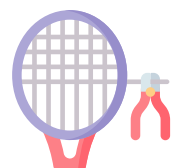
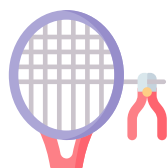
- **Lower Tension (40-50 lbs):** Lower tension offers a softer, more forgiving string bed, giving you a bit of extra power with a larger sweet spot. Ideal for beginners or players looking for added comfort and a bit more oomph on their shots.
- **Mid Tension (50-55 lbs):** Sitting in the middle, this tension offers a balanced mix of power and control. This is a popular choice for intermediate players who want a well-rounded setup.
- **Higher Tension (55-65 lbs):** Higher tension provides more control and a crisp, responsive feel, making it great for advanced players who prioritize precision and consistency. However, higher tension can also be less forgiving on the arm, so make sure it's right for you.

Choosing the Right Strings for Your Needs

Each type of string material brings something different to the table:

- **Polyester:** Best for advanced players who want maximum control, spin, and durability. It's commonly used in Luxilon and Babolat RPM Blast strings, though it can feel stiff on the arm.
- **Multifilament:** Great for players looking for comfort and power with less strain on the arm. Babolat's XCEL 16G strings, for example, offer a soft feel that's easy on the arm while providing solid performance.
- **Synthetic Gut:** An all-round option for recreational players, offering a balance of playability and durability at a more affordable price point.

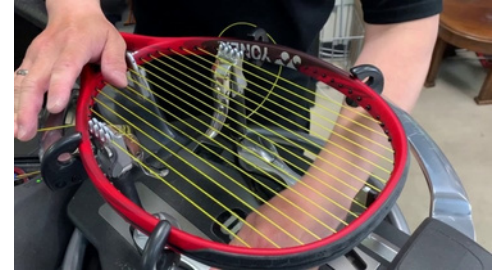
If you're not sure which type of string would suit you, feel free to drop by or reach out for guidance from our staff!



STRINGING / FOR SALE

Racket Stringing Service

Need a fresh set of strings? We've got you covered! Our in-house stringing service offers a 4-day turnaround to keep you on the court and playing your best. Labor is just \$20 - simply bring your racket and string, and we'll handle the rest. Don't have string? No problem, we have options available for purchase at the front desk.



Have questions? Stop by or give us a call!



TENNIS STRINGING

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STRINGING LABOR

	RACKET STRINGING – LABOR ONLY	\$20.00
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POLYESTER STRINGS

	BABOLAT RPM BLAST 16G – BLACK	\$45.00
	GAMMA POLY 16G – BLUE	\$36.00
	GAMMA POLY 17G – BLACK	\$36.00
	GAMMA POLY 17G – BLUE	\$36.00

SYNTHETIC / MULTIFILAMENT STRINGS

	GAMMA SYNTHETIC 16G – SILVER	\$28.00
	GAMMA SYNTHETIC TNT 16G – NATURAL	\$32.00
	WILSON MULTI 16G – NATURAL	\$40.00
	WILSON SYNTHETIC 16G – WHITE	\$32.00

HYBRID OPTION

	HYBRID STRING SETUP	\$40.00
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TURNAROUND TIME
4 DAYS



ASK OUR STAFF
ABOUT RECOMMENDED
TENSION & SETUP



QUALITY STRINGS.
EXPERT SERVICE.
BETTER PERFORMANCE.

PLAY YOUR BEST. WE'LL HANDLE THE REST.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING
MT. LEBANON RACKET CENTER!

Other Items for Sale

PRICE LIST

Can of tennis balls	\$5
Pickleball	\$5
Can of paddle balls	\$14
Replacement grip	\$12
Overgrip	\$4
Logo Dampener	\$8

HITTING WALL

Our state of the art hitting wall is available to be reserved during Racket Center operating hours online or by calling the front desk at (412) 343-3411. The wall has two sides, A & B, as each are able to be reserved. The wall is FREE and located up the stairs to the left of the Racket Center building.

Racket sports ONLY.



Lost something? We may have it! Stop by the Lost & Found area inside the Racket Center to pick up any misplaced items.



PLATFORM TENNIS

Fees: \$18 per court, per 1.5 hours, weekdays prior to 5:30 p.m., and \$22 evenings and weekends.

Online Court Reservations

Courts are available for a maximum of eight days in advance and you must have a reservation to play on the courts. You may cancel your reservation online up to one hour prior to the start time, and a credit will be issued to your account. Beyond one hour prior to the start time, your reservation fees are nonrefundable. For access to lights or heaters email platformtennis@mtlebanon.org or call (412) 343-3411.

No one under 21 is permitted to reserve facilities. The responsible party reserving the facility must be present at all times during the reservation. Pickleball is prohibited on the Platform Courts.

What is Platform Tennis?

It has been described as “the chess game of racket sports.” It is a unique outdoor tennis game, generally played in cold weather, that requires the patience of a tortoise combined with the speed of a hare. It is a game in which raw power is not the ultimate weapon, but finesse and accuracy are rewarded. Primarily a doubles game, teamwork between partners is also an important feature.

Platform Tennis, also known as paddle tennis, is played on a 20-foot-by-44-foot court, about one-third the size of a conventional tennis court, and is surrounded by 12-foot high “chicken wire” screens. These are located eight feet behind the base lines and five feet from the sidelines. Service lines are drawn in the same manner as tennis.

Rules of the Game

Most of the rules follow regular tennis including the scoring which is 15, 30, 40 and game. There are, however, a few major differences that make Platform Tennis a significantly different game. The first major rule difference is that there is only one serve. If the initial serve is not hit in the receiving area the server loses the point. There is no “second chance” as in tennis.

The most intriguing difference, however, is the use of the screens to keep the ball in play. Just as in tennis, a player may return a shot by either hitting it before it hits the deck or after letting it bounce one time, playing it as a ground stroke. In platform tennis, however, the player has an additional option. The ball is allowed to rebound off the screen after hitting the deck and then is hit before it hits the deck again.

