

2020 - 2021 AAPTCT

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

[] Individual Membership	\$ 375
[] Family Membership	\$ 475
[] Student	\$ 175
[] Senior Citizen (over 65)	\$ 325
[] Senior Family (over 65)	\$ 425
[] New Member (Individual)*	\$ 125
[] New Member (Family)*	\$ 150

Voluntary Guest Fees: \$10 per person

*Introductory rate to try the sport for 2 months.
The intro rate will be credited towards full membership upon joining full-time.

NAME(S)

ADDRESS

PHONE

Evening

Daytime

EMAIL

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What is "Platform Tennis"?

Our members play this outdoor game from October until April. One of them describes the game as "...a cross between racquetball, cross-country skiing, and Ping-Pong". The American Platform Tennis Association calls this unique cold weather game "the chess game of racquet sports". It is primarily a doubles game and teamwork between partners is an important feature.

The equipment consists of a short-handled paddle and a sponge rubber ball. In extremely cold weather, players wear several "layers" that are usually peeled off as the play and the players warm up.

Platform tennis is easy to learn and does not require great athletic talent. Players of all ages can compete together without physical strength determining the winner. Unlike tennis, powerful serves and overhead slams tend to be losing shots. Patience and accurate placement are the key elements of a winning platform tennis game.

Our game is appealing because it can be played for fun and exercise both socially and competitively. It is played on a court about one third the size of a conventional tennis court, enclosed by 12 foot high "chicken wire" screens. An abrasive surface provides good traction even in winter weather. Most rules follow regular tennis, however some major differences make platform tennis a very different game. The most intriguing difference is use of the screens or "wires" to keep the ball in play. Players have the option of letting the ball rebound from the screens before hitting. Compared with conventional tennis, platform tennis points tend to last longer with more time spent playing and less spent marching about between points.

The Ann Arbor Platform Tennis Club (AAPTCT) owns and maintains four courts on the property of the Huron Valley Tennis Club. We currently have about eighty members. AAPTCT membership includes unlimited use of the platform tennis courts (with no additional charge) and participation in a variety of free programs. Most members have scheduled weekly games and much of the play is social.

Highlights:

- Free Potluck Parties: play, eat, and drink!
- Unlimited play without court charges. Courts may be reserved in advance (although this is usually not necessary). Also, members can invite guests who may play up to three times without a guest fee.
- Scheduled weekly court time. Groups of four or more can reserve the same time slot each week. We help members find a weekly group at their level of play.
- Free clinics.
- Club tournaments each year, including an intermediate/beginner level event, mixed-doubles events, and the club championship.
- A periodic newsletter announcing club events, tournaments, chitchat, etc.
- Low equipment costs: new paddles cost around \$100 dollars and last a very long time. However, there are plenty of club paddles and usable balls available in the warming hut for use by members and guests. New platform tennis balls are on sale at the tennis club shop.

Our facilities are a ten-minute drive from downtown Ann Arbor, just a mile and a half east of the US 23 Plymouth Road exit. The courts are adjacent to the Huron Valley Tennis Club,

just a few hundred yards south of Plymouth Road at 3235 Cherry Hill Road, Dixboro, MI.

Facilities:

- A courtside warming-hut for club events and private parties.
- Bathrooms in the adjacent tennis building.
- Four lighted platform tennis courts which can be heated from underneath to melt snow while play continues! Members pay no hourly or seasonal court fees: just about everything is included in the membership fee.

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