

# Soft Court Tennis Shoes

Not all tennis shoes are alike.

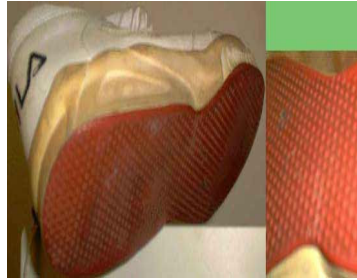
Besides style and performance they differ various types of soles defining the surfaces

There are three basic types of tennis shoes:

Hard court



Grass court



Soft (Clay) court



The most important factor for a facility with Fast-dry (Har-tru) clay courts is the effect the shoe has on the court surface. The wrong shoe will leave digs and small mounds of clay on the surface of the court. This damages the surface making additional maintenance necessary after every game. This also makes play difficult in that the ball will bounce on an uneven surface caused by the soles of the shoe.

**PORT JEFFERSON COUNTRY CLUB TENNIS RULE 3**  
**PLAYERS MUST WEAR APPROPRIATE TENNIS APPAREL AND**  
**SOFT-COURT TENNIS SHOES.**

## So what are soft court shoes?

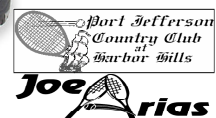
The main characteristic of soft or "clay" court shoe is the

**HERRING BONE PATTERN of the sole.**

This pattern provides the least disruption of the court surface while maximizing traction.



The following are examples of the many variations of clay court shoe soles we approve of for use on PJCC tennis courts.



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