

## THURSDAY NIGHT TENNIS

### By-Laws Revised January 24, 2019

1. The Board of Directors will be composed of team captains and co-captains from each team. A President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer will be elected annually by the captains.
2. Every team must remit a league fee to the league Treasurer at the final organizational meeting before each season. The amount of the league fee will be determined by the Board of Directors and will not exceed \$40.00 per team. Captains will be notified prior to the organizational meeting as to the amount required to run the league for the following season.
3. There will be a RED, WHITE, and BLUE division. All new teams entering the league will play in the division decided by the officers their first season. The top team from WHITE will move to RED at the end of the season, and the bottom team in RED will move to WHITE at the end of the season. The same rules apply to all divisions.
4. A team representative must be present at the two organizational meetings a year, or the team will be assessed a double league fee. The fees are due at the final organizational meeting before each session, or the team will not be allowed to play that season.
5. Play will consist of an eleven (11) game pro-set, with a nine (9) point tie breaker at ten (10) all. Nine (9) point tie-breaker: each player shall serve from the same end of the court in the tie-break that she has served from during that particular set. Player A shall serve points 1 and 2, right court to left court, Player D then serves points 3 and 4 (right to left); Player B serves points 5 and 6 (right and left); Player C serves points 7 and 8 (right and left). Note that this procedure calls for partners of the second serving team to serve in reverse sequence. If the score reaches 4 points all, Player C serves point 9 from the right or left court at the election of the receiver. The RED, WHITE, and BLUE divisions will play each team once during the season.
6. No one under the age of 21 will be allowed to play.
7. Teams 1 and 3 should be ready to play by 6:45 p.m. The first ball in play shall be by 7:05 p.m. The official default time shall be 7:05 for the first 2 teams. The second matches shall immediately follow the first matches with a 5 minute warm-up. Teams 2 and 4 should arrive to play by 7:45 p.m. A default may be called at 8:05 p.m. if the courts are available for play. This is a matter to be decided upon by the captains or a designated team member of the players involved. Note: if a specific venue requires play to start earlier, the default time will be 20 minutes after the required start time.
8. A roster will be submitted by each team before league play begins to the Corresponding Secretary by e-mail, listing all known players. Regulars will be listed according to their playing positions and must remain in those positions throughout the season. In the event that a substitute is used, she will be listed on the roster or added at the time she plays. A substitute is not locked into a playing position from week to week.

9. In the event that a team cannot field four complete teams, two forms of substitution may be used:

A. A player may play two positions on one night.

B. Outside substitutes may be used.

10. The following rules of substitution must be followed by all roster players and all substitutes:

A. No team may play two positions in one night. Two individuals may not play as a team twice in one night. No entire team may move up or down.

B. If a player is used to play two positions in one night, she can substitute only one position up or down from her regular position of play. Example: A player from team 4 may only substitute in the 3 position. A player from team 2 may substitute in either the 1 or the 3 position. A player from team 3 may substitute in either the 2 or the 4 position.

C. In case of injury during play, a substitute may be used (following the above restrictions) with the score of the match continuing from the point of injury. The fifteen minute delay rule will be in effect before a default may be called, with agreement by both captains and players. Please note that the delayed match is not allowed to wait for another team which is involved in active play to finish its match to allow for substitution.

11. The host team must contact the visiting team no later than Monday before the match and verify the starting times. The host team must supply a new can of regulation yellow tennis balls for each set, and a minimum of one drink refreshment per person.

12. The host and the guest captain must e-mail scores to the scorekeeper no later than the Monday following the match. This form can be found on our website [www.thursdaynighttennis.com](http://www.thursdaynighttennis.com).

13. All matches must be played. Matches or sets may be rescheduled only when due to court unavailability or inclement weather. The host team must offer 3 reasonable dates to reschedule a match or set. If the match or set is still not played, the visiting team forfeits. All make-up matches or sets must be completed within two weeks of the original date of the match. If a team forfeits an entire match (all four teams) to one club, the team forfeits to all clubs.

14. Rankings will be determined by total accumulated game points. In the event of a tied score at the end of the season, the team with the least total amount of games scored by their opponent will win. If the opponent's scores are tied by both teams, the tie will then be broken by the team that won the match when they played each other.

15. All scoresheets must be e-mailed to the appropriate scorekeeper within 3 weeks of closing night of the league. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of scores not returned within that time period.

16. All of the above rules will be strictly enforced. Any violations will be subject to the Board of Directors or at the discretion of the President of this league.