



GREATER SUBURBAN INDOOR TENNIS LEAGUE GENERAL RULES

NAME: Women's Competitive Travel Team 2011/2012

Match Days A, A/B, B (Play Fridays)
C (Play Thursdays)

DATES: September 15 and 16 Start Session I
January 5 and 6 Start Session II

Playoff matches (if necessary): May 3 and 4, 2011

Awards Luncheon – May 11, 2012 A. C. Nielsen (Winnetka) will host

The host clubs are responsible for refreshments after team play.

LEVEL OF PLAY: A Division (Open), A/B Division (4.0-4.5), B Division (3.6 - 4.0), and C Division (3.0-3.5)

LEAGUE TIME: Match starting times will be based on individual club schedules. PLAY WILL BE 2 HOURS OR THREE SETS, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST. Once the 2-hour time limit has expired, all play will cease immediately unless the server's service motion has begun, or the point has already started, in which case the players will finish the point they're in.

ELIGIBILITY: All players must be at least 21 years of age and members of the club for which they are playing.

Teaching pros (a pro is defined as being on the teaching staff of any club) may not participate in league play unless approved by the League Committee members.

FORMAT: A team shall consist of four doubles teams.

All clubs should position their teams in order of strength.

At no time should a court 1 player ever play on court 4, As a courtesy, coordinators should call ahead to the opposing team if subs from a higher level are subbing down on court 1 of a lower level.

Line-ups should be presented in completion on a score sheet before the start of the match.

PLAYER MOVEMENT: Substitutions between different levels of teams may be done as follows: Players from courts 3 and 4 of a higher level team may only play court 1 or 2 of the team the next level down. Players from a lower level team may only play courts 3 or 4 of the team the next level up (unless 3 or more substitutes are used or court 4 is defaulted). If 3 or more substitutes are used, they must be placed on courts 3 and 4. No rostered player should be played on a lower court than a sub. Substitution to a lower or higher team should not affect a player's placement on her normal team.

Substitutions of a player for any two teams in the same division will be limited to 3 times for each team. Once a player has played for a team 4 times that player will be considered a permanent alternate on that team for the remainder of whatever session is in progress.

MATCH PLAY: Team lineups should be exchanged simultaneously between team captains prior to each match.

Warm-ups will be limited to 15 minutes after the starting time.

Each individual match will consist of three (3) sets, or until the time limit has expired.

A 12 point tiebreaker will be played in any set that goes to six games all.

There must be absolutely no coaching of teams or players after the match begins.

A league coordinator or club pro or must be present during all matches.

SCORING: One point will be awarded for each set or portion of set won. Division winners will be determined by highest winning percentage (number of sets won against sets played).

Time Limit Scoring: If a set is even, the point is split. If a set hasn't started, the point is split. If a team is ahead by 2 games, that team wins the point. If a game is not completed, it does not count.

Scores should be recorded on our website by team coordinator or captain by the following Monday.morning.

Weekly results will be posted on our website @ GreaterSuburbanTennis.com.

DEFAULT: Fifteen minutes late – no warm-up; 16 through 30 minutes late – loss of first set; over 30 minutes late – loss of match.

If a team/player arrives 31 minutes after the start time of the match, they default the entire match and will be penalized 3 points and the opposing team will be awarded 1.5 points.

If you have to default any courts/matches, the host club's team coordinator should be contacted as quickly as possible so he/she can notify his/her team.

If you have to default matches in advance to another club, you must default the lowest court and move up all remaining teams.

When a match is defaulted, the defaulting team will be responsible for the entire court fee.

If a team defaults one or more courts prior to the day of the match, the defaulting team will be penalized 3 points per court, which will be reflected in their won/lost percentage. 1.5 points will be credited to the opposing team. If a team defaults one or more courts on the day of the match, the defaulting team will be penalized 3 points per court, which will be reflected in their won/lost percentage. The opposing team will be awarded 3 points per court.

TROPHIES: Travel trophies will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place teams of each division at the end of the indoor season. In any division, if two different teams come in first or second in Session I and Session II, a playoff match will take place on the scheduled play date to determine the final winners.

Play-Offs: In any division, there will be a play-off match between the winners of the first session and the winners of the second session.

The play-off match between two teams in any division will be hosted by the team with the highest over-all percentage (combined percentage from Session I and II). If the percentage between the two teams is the same, the play-off match will be hosted by the winner of the head to head competition during the entire season between the two teams.

Matches will be 2 hours or 3 sets whichever comes first.

If the play-off match between two teams in any division ends in a set score tie, the winner will be determined by the team with highest number of games won.

If games are tied each team will pick two players to represent their team in a 10 point match tie break (first to 10 points by 2), to determine the winner.

LEAGUE FEES: A \$55 league fee per team per season must be sent to Lisa Wheeler prior to the beginning of the indoor season.

Match fee (\$15.00 per player) The **host** clubs will collect a \$15 match fee from each player. Please check in 10 minutes prior to the start of the match to pay your match fee.

MISCELLANEOUS: "The Code" will be used to settle any disputes, problems or questions not covered by the rules contained herein.

The curtains between tennis courts at all participating clubs will remain open during match play. **The only exception to this rule is that the club may choose to close the curtain, if there is a lesson or drill on the adjacent court.**

As a matter of courtesy to all players, cell phones should be turned off before match play begins.

The schedule will be played as is, with no changes. Matches are not to be postponed or canceled unless there is inclement weather or by mutual consent of the clubs involved. Decisions regarding the cancellation of matches due to inclement weather must be made by 8am the day of the match. A list of coordinators cell phones can be found on our website by logging on with your password

A schedule of participating clubs is provided which includes the starting times for matches as well as where teams are scheduled to play. Please make sure to send the correct teams to the correct club.

Protests to the League Committee must be filed within 24 hours of the match in question. This process should be used only if the host coordinator cannot solve the problem.

The League Committee has final judgment on all participants and any and all problems which may arise. The League Committee consists of the following individuals:

League Coordinator – Lisa Wheeler (847/967-1400)

The South Barrington Club	Paul Burrus/Melissa Dawson	(847/381-2570)
Wilmette Tennis Club	Barb Jenkins	(847/256-9679)
Forest View Racquet Club	Karen Galvin/Nancy Alfonso	(847/640-2574)
Glenview Tennis Club	Dave Woolf/Mike Plantz	(847/724-1570)
Heritage Tennis Club	Chris Nisbet	(847/398-7780)
A. C. Nielsen Tennis Center	Tim Schmitt/Alexander Shubny	(847/501-2065)
Schaumburg Tennis Plus	Jaime Coplon Vine/Jonathan Fralick	(847/884-0678)
Tam Tennis & Fitness Complex	Lisa Wheeler	(847/967-1400)