



Adult Tennis League Rules

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PHILOSOPHY

Novi Parks sponsored leagues and activities are formed and operated on the principles of good sportsmanship, fair play, courtesy to others, healthy activity and other policies pertaining to all-around community understanding and development.

DETAILS

- Matches are played as singles
- Divisions of up to eight players will play in a 7-week round robin format
- Players will be placed in divisions based on past standings and self-assigned USTA rating
- A can of three new tennis balls will be provided to every player to kick off the season
- Champion & runner up medals will be awarded for each division

SCOREKEEPERS

- Each division will have a player designated as a scorekeeper
- Scorekeepers are responsible for collecting match scores for their division
 - Winners of matches are responsible for reporting scores to scorekeeper
 - Full match score should be reported (ex. Player 'A' beat Player 'B' 6-3, 6-2)
- Update match results for their division on a weekly basis to the Google Drive Standings
- Scorekeepers receive account credit equal to their registration fee at the conclusion of the season if they fulfill their duties throughout the season

SCHEDULING

- Matches will be initially scheduled at Novi Middle School
- Players will be scheduled for one match each week (Mon-Fri at 6pm or 7:30pm)
- Flexible scheduling
 - Players will reschedule their own matches due to inclement weather
 - Court reservations for rescheduled matches can be made on Sign Up Genius
 - Players can also reschedule matches on their own on other area courts
 - If you have an issue attending a scheduled match (vacation, injury, etc.):
 - Notify your opponent and scorekeeper prior to the scheduled match
 - Match can be played ahead of time or after the player returns
 - Match must be played prior to the designated end date of the season

GAMEPLAY

- The first player listed for the matchup on the schedule is the 'home' player
- Home players are responsible for supplying a new can of tennis balls for the match
- Home players will serve first to start the match
- The first person to win two sets wins the match. In the event of a 1-1 set tie, a 7-point tiebreaker will substitute for the third set (see **7-point tiebreaker rule**)
- A set is won when the first person scores 6 games and wins by 2. In the event of a 6-6 tie, use the 7-point tiebreaker (see **7-point tiebreaker rule**)
- **NO SUBSTITUTIONS.** All matches are to be played by scheduled players.
- Winners of matches are responsible for reporting scores to scorekeeper
 - Full match score should be reported (ex. Player 'A' beat Player 'B' 6-3, 6-2)
 - Keep track of your own scores in case scorekeeper loses results or the incorrect scores are reported

7-POINT TIEBREAKER RULE

If a set score reaches 6-6, a 7-point tiebreaker will be played. This is true for first or second set. In addition, after two sets where each player has won one set, a 7-point tiebreaker shall be used as the third deciding set.

- A player who first wins seven points shall win the game provided she/he leads by a margin of two points (win by two).
- Numerical scoring shall be used throughout the tiebreaker.
- The player whose turn it is to serve shall be the server for the first point, which is delivered from the deuce court. The opponent shall be the server for the second and third points (delivered from the ad court, then deuce court), and thereafter each player shall serve alternately for two consecutive points until the winner of the game has been decided.
- Players shall change ends after every six points and at the conclusion of the tiebreaker.
- The player who served first in the set that ended in a tiebreaker shall receive service in the first game of the following set.

TIME LIMIT

A match will go no longer than two hours. The match will end at two hours at whatever score it is at unless it is tied. If the time limit is approaching and the score is tied in a set, a 7-point tiebreaker will be played to break the tie. If the result of the tiebreaker makes the match 1-1, another 7-point tiebreaker will also be played. Both sides can mutually agree to start the tiebreaker in the second set earlier if there is a chance it will be a tie.

FORFEITS

- Any player not on the court within 15 minutes of the scheduled match start time shall forfeit the match to his/her opponent (6-0, 6-0)
- If an injury occurs **during the match** and play cannot continue, the player who is not injured wins the match due to player retirement. If the injured player won a set, the set still counts as part of the tiebreaker scenario.
- If a player quits or is injured at any time during the season (with proper notification to the scorekeeper and opponents), such that matches are not made up, the unplayed matches shall be recorded as a **'bye'**

DIVISION CHAMPIONS

- The player who wins the most matches in the season shall win their division
- If an unequal number of matches comes into play because of 'byes', a win/loss percentage based on number of sets played will be used
- A minimum of five matches must be played to be considered for a championship
- Tiebreakers:
 1. Head-to-head results for those tied in the standings
 2. Least number of sets lost
 3. Least number of games lost

SPORTSMANSHIP

Please keep in mind that the purpose of this organization is to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for each player, while furthering sportsmanship and understanding of the game.