

2020-21 RECREATIONAL TENNIS TRIAL

STRUCTURE:

1. REC ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Chairperson Julie Post LW, Janet Chabot LW, Rebecca Elliott LW, Rick Day TP, Richard Bleecker MV, Ken Borle MR

Duties – develop structure, monitor and suggest adaptations; communicate with presidents, coordinators and facilitators; report to the Executive Committee/presidents during the trial season

2. CLUB PRESIDENT/LEADERSHIP

Duties – take action on club decisions listed below; provide information to the Rec Advisory Committee as requested; support Club Rec Coordinator

Note - Club presidents may delegate some of these duties to others.

CLUB DECISIONS:

- Each club will determine the anticipated number of Rec players (men & women by level). There are no minimum requirements; clubs may have Rec player(s) at some levels but not at others.
- Each club will appoint an overall Rec Coordinator for its interested Rec players.
- Most clubs include EVSTL dues in their tennis club dues. Otherwise, clubs can determine what to charge Rec players who will be using balls, sharing food and possibly receiving instruction.
- Each club determines the conditions and timeframe that would allow players to move between Tencap and Rec play. Examples – new players, injured players, etc.
- Each club determines if Rec players will be invited to team practices. If so, Rec players will decide if they wish to participate in team practices.

Note – Tencap Coordinators (TCC's), past and present, may be good resources for club leadership.

3. CLUB REC COORDINATOR

Duties – oversee Rec play; work closely with TCC to determine who is playing under Tencap and who is playing Rec tennis; identify, appoint and support Rec Team Facilitators for each level or groups of levels (some Tencap captains may be interested in acting as the facilitator for their gender/level Rec players); work with TCC to monitor/advise players who move between Rec & Tencap play as determined by club leadership; gather player feedback from Rec Team Facilitators to provide to presidents/Rec Advisory Committee

4. REC TEAM FACILITATORS

Duties – communicate weekly with opponent's Rec Team Facilitator to determine the number of available courts and the number of Rec players available; find additional Rec players from adjacent levels if needed; select partners by utilizing a regular rotation of the player roster; work out the draw and notify the players; greet/organize players, explain format, supply balls and monitor play; gather feedback from Rec players

GUIDELINES:

- Generally, Rec players will use their Tencap rating to determine their level of play OR they can play at the last league level that they played OR they may be placed at a level as determined by their club. New players should receive an on-court evaluation.
- Rec players should play at a level appropriate for their skills.
- The Rec Coordinator and/or Rec Team Facilitator will suggest a level move to Rec players in order to achieve a more positive tennis experience, or the player may be asked to be reevaluated to determine the level of play.

WEEKLY PROCESS:

- Tencap captains will enter their lineups 5 days before the day of play. If lines are not equal for both teams, the captains should utilize the Opportunity Match (OM) spreadsheet in an attempt to balance out the number of lines.
- As soon as both lineups are entered into Tencap, captains will determine how many courts are available for Rec play at both the home and away courts and share this information with the Rec Team Facilitators for their clubs. This information should include the specific court numbers and which rounds the courts are available.
- The Rec Team Facilitator will send a weekly email or use electronic signup (i.e. Signup Genius) to invite their list of interested Rec players for the particular level to play that week. Rec Team Facilitators for the two clubs will communicate with each other to determine how many men's and women's matches will be held; mixed doubles is an option if all 4 players agree. There doesn't need to be an equal number of players from each of the 2 clubs; there could be 3 or 4 players from one club on a court. The goal is to give all players an opportunity to play if courts are available. Rec Team Facilitators could ask players from one level lower or higher to play in order to complete a foursome.
- If there are more Rec players than courts available, Rec Team Facilitators will contact the OM Coordinator for that level to see if there are available courts. Otherwise, Rec Team Facilitators will rotate their Rec players so everyone gets a chance to play and to play with as many different Rec players as possible.
- The Rec Team Facilitator will send an email to Rec players from both teams who are playing at their respective club that week to notify them of the location, court number, round number and names of players on each court.

REC PLAY:

- The Rec Team Facilitator will supply a can of balls that may be used for up to 2 matches for each Rec court at their respective club.
- A regular match (best 2-out-of-3 with a 3rd set tie-breaker, if needed) is the **recommended** format. (This would also be the format for mixed doubles.)
- Other Options:
 - In situations where there are 3 or 4 players from the same club on a court, they may play a set with each of the other 3 players on their court (2nd deuce game point and first to 6 wins the set, in order to save time for 3 full sets).
 - When there are 3 or more courts of Rec players, a Progressive Mixer (Play/Move/Split) format could be used. Explanation - Winners of the set move up a court (winners stay on top court)/losers move down a court (losers stay on bottom court), then split. The spin of a racquet determines the new partner. Players would play 3 total sets.
- All matches shall be conducted in compliance with the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Rules and the guidance of the USTA Code of Conduct.
- Match scores are not recorded.