

# EDGEBROOK CUP TENNIS HANDBOOK

## August 2017

### I. SEATTLE AREA CUP TENNIS (SACT)

Cup tennis is a Seattle area competitive women's doubles daytime league. Matches are played weekly at clubs in the Seattle area from September through March. Players represent Edgebrook and are expected to follow the league rules and the rules established by Edgebrook for their cups teams. The ideals of fairness and team oriented attitude are paramount. The SACT rules may be viewed at [www.cuptennis.com](http://www.cuptennis.com).

### II. EDGEBROOK CUP TENNIS OBJECTIVE

Edgebrook Cup Tennis is both competitive and social. We expect captains, representatives and players to work together to maintain a healthy balance within each team and level.

### III. CUP PLACEMENT

There are 6 levels of play in Cup Tennis:

Evergreen	2.5 – 3.0
Emerald	3.0
Classic	3.0 – 3.5
Rainier	3.5 – 4.0
Challenge	3.5 – 4.0
Kingco*	4.0 – 4.5

Each team must have a minimum of twelve players before the committee will look at having a team at that level. The maximum number of players on each team will not exceed sixteen at any level. Exceptions to these minimums and maximums will be considered only with approval from the Cup Committee and Tennis Committee.

Our goal is to direct all players to the appropriate level of play. With this in mind, Edgebrook Tennis Staff will look at sign-ups and determine if the team numbers and players are appropriate at each level. Edgebrook Tennis Staff includes the Tennis Director and Tennis Pros. Rosters for teams will be made public within 14 days of the end of the sign-up period. Players can petition to the Cups Committee if they feel their placement is incorrect. Once a petition has been denied, players have 7 days to determine if they will be playing Cups out of Edgebrook.

### IV. COST

As a cups player you pay:

1. Court fees and/or tennis pro fees when participating in team practices and home matches.
2. Furnish new balls for home matches.
3. Guest fees when playing at another club (approximately \$12.00-\$15.00).
4. Snacks for socializing with the visiting team after home matches.

The Edgebrook Club will pay the annual cups fees to SACT for each cup level.

### V. DO I NEED A PARTNER

No, you do not. Players are encouraged to begin developing partnerships with other teammates. Having a partner helps you maximize your abilities and strategies together to strengthen your partnership. It also gives you someone with whom to share goals, training, practice, victories and defeats.

## **VI. SIGN-UP**

**When you sign up for Cup Tennis at Edgebrook, you are committing to be on a team, be available for the team, and you agree to follow the decisions voted on by the team.**

1. CUPs player sign-up forms must be turned in to the Edgebrook Front office during the sign-up period.
2. A player may only move up one level from the previous year unless the cup level above is not available.
3. Sign-ups will be closed after the sign-up period and movement to another cup level must be authorized by the Cups Committee.
4. Edgebrook members who have not signed up as of the deadline may not be eligible to play during that season.
5. Players who have missed the sign up deadline due to unforeseen circumstances must petition the Cups Committee to participate in the cups program. Once a player's petition has been denied to join a team, that player will not be eligible to submit another petition to join a team at that level in the same cup season.
6. If more than 14 people sign up there may be challenges as determined by the Cups Committee.
7. For players with no current USTA rating, please see Tennis Director.
8. Please be aware that petitions and team size play into the makeup of the teams. If you sign up to participate and then back out, it could create a negative effect on multiple Cups levels and teams out of the club.
9. Once your Cup level and the number of teams has been assigned by the Cups Committee, members have 7 days to determine if they are choosing not to participate in Cups at Edgebrook.

## **VII. CHALLENGE MATCH PROCEDURES**

The Challenge process will be based on Edgebrook Club's flight/round robin format.

Challenges will be in May; days and times will vary annually. Players must be available for all dates and times. If a player is unable to play in her scheduled match, she is responsible to reschedule the match, reserve a court and play the match before the May deadline. Failure to reschedule will result in zero points (games) for that player for that match; all other players on that court will receive 12 points (games) each. Court placement will be determined by a random draw. Players who do not qualify for a team after this challenge procedure may move down to a lower cup level only if there is space on the lower team.

## **VIII. NEW MEMBERS TO EDGEBROOK CLUB**

A member new to Edgebrook and Edgebrook cups will be evaluated by the Tennis Director and a cup level for that player will be recommended. Once the teams have been formed, a new member can join the team only if space is available or with Cup Committee approval as stated above.

New members who join "as a team partnership" and request to be on the same team will be reviewed by the Cups Committee.

## **IX. CUP CAPTAIN SELECTION PROCESS**

1. The team will select the captain by majority vote prior to the first official season meeting in June. Teams are encouraged to utilize Edgebrook staff to help tally votes as a non-partial third party. Voting should be fair and done by secret ballot.
2. The elected captain may choose a co-captain to assist during the season. The co-captain can be the teaching pro.
3. The captain and co-captain (unless it is the teaching pro) shall serve a term for one year with a maximum limit of two consecutive years starting with the 2016-17 season.

## **X. CUP CAPTAIN'S DUTIES**

The captain of the cups team will schedule a meeting in early June to address the following items:

1. Format of play.
2. Practice schedule (day, time, etc.).

3. Selection of tennis professional.
4. These items will be approved by majority vote and included in the Team Practice Agreement to be signed by individual team members and presented to the office no later than September 15.
5. A team representative to serve on the Cups Committee will be elected.

In September the captain will:

1. Attend the fall SACT meeting.
2. Review the SACT rules and any other items covered in the SACT meeting.
3. Complete Team Agreement Form.

## **XI. CUPS COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

The Tennis Director and Cups Committee determine the direction of Cups at Edgebrook. The Cups Committee consists of the Cups Committee Chairperson (CCC), a co-chair (as elected by the Cups Committee) and one representative from each team. The CCC and Co-Chair cannot be from the same Cup level. The team representative cannot be the captain or the co-captain. Each representative will have one vote. If the representative cannot attend a meeting, the team captain may attend and vote instead. If Club Manager serve on the committee as advisors in most matters. The Tennis Director and Club Manager have voting privileges that will be re-evaluated with any staff changes.

The intent of the committee is to ensure that all cups players are represented fairly at Edgebrook. The Cups Committee will meet throughout the cups season as deemed necessary to resolve issues, review the cups program and maintain, review and suggest changes to the Cups Handbook. The Cups Committee is responsible to the Tennis Committee and the Board of Directors.

## **XII. CUPS COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON (CCC)**

1. The CCC shall be elected from among the members of the Cups Committee at the first committee meeting. The previous year's CCC shall remain in place until the new committee elects a new CCC.
2. The CCC will chair the Cups Committee and will report to the Tennis Committee.
3. The CCC will work with the Tennis Director, Club Manager and the Tennis Committee to ensure the membership has a well-organized cups season.
4. The CCC will attend Tennis Committee meetings regularly as scheduled.
5. The CCC will remind team reps of meetings and minutes.

## **XIII. SELECTION OF THE CCC**

1. The CCC can be nominated by anyone on the Cups Committee.
2. The committee will vote by written secret ballot which will be tallied by the Tennis Director, Club Manager and current CCC. Majority vote will determine the new chairperson.

## **XIV. TEAM REPRESENTATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES**

The team representative is responsible for the following:

1. Provide feedback to the Cups Committee on issues happening within their team.
2. Actively solicit feedback from players throughout the season and in survey form at the end of the season.
3. Dispense Cups Committee Meeting Minutes within 7 days of the Cups Committee Meetings.
4. Take any matters needing resolution among team members regarding play to the Tennis Director.
5. Ask team for opinions and feedback prior to voting on any significant changes to Cups handbook and speak for the collective team in all matters without bias to any personal