

RULES FOR FLIGHTS – LADDER FORMAT

(Rev. for clarity Summer 2022)

1. These rules will apply to all flights with 3 or more courts and will be re-evaluated as necessary at the end of the flight session. Flights with 2 courts will run in a round robin/static schedule format.
2. Each session will run 2 calendar months. A fee of \$4.50 per week will be charged at registration for the upcoming session. This covers both court and ball fees for the session.
3. Sign-up is on a first-come first-serve basis, by USTA rating level, regardless of who played the previous flight, players are given an opportunity to sign-up before the end of each session. *Once flights begin and a player needs to drop out, they will be billed for the entire session with no refund.*
4. At the beginning of a new session, the tennis staff will assign each player to a court, adding new players **roughly based on the previous session's ending scores and approximate placement by level of play based on USTA Rating.** When necessary, we will also use tennisrecord.com for initial court placement. Remember: this is only for INITIAL placement to start the flight and there is ladder movement week after week.
5. **RE: SUBS.** If you are not be able to play one week, the staff will assist in finding a sub **ONLY if given a 72- hour advance notice (3 days).** If you request assistance with less than 72 hours of notice **you are expected** to find your own sub and notify the office. However, for a fee staff can assist in finding a sub when **given a less than 72- hour advance notice (3 days).**
 - (4a) *If a player finds their own sub, that sub must be at flight level.*
 - (4b) Two games will automatically be deducted from a sub's score.
 - (4c) If a sub ties with a regular player after the sub point penalty has been assessed, the sub is not eligible to move up a court. If a sub ties with a regular player for last place after the sub point penalty has been assessed, the sub will move down. A sub can not win a tie - no racket will be spun and no dice rolled.

If a player needs a sub for more than 1/3 of the overall flight schedule, you will be on probation for one calendar year of flight sessions. A second offense during that time will mean you are unable to sign-up for the adjacent session of flights.
6. If you are a *no-show or late-cancel* (less than a 3-day advance notice), and you have not gotten your own sub, you will be charged \$14. This applies even if the front desk manages to find a last-minute sub for you. If there are two or more no-shows and/or late-cancels in one session, you will not be allowed to play the following session. Please do not leave 3 other players stranded! **Players that arrive more than 10 minutes after the start time will automatically move down the next week.**
7. **Two players move onto a new court each week based on their scores.** The player with the highest score moves up and the player with the lowest score moves down (a one up, one down format). The remaining two players stay at the court level for the next week. In case of a tie, you should spin a racquet or roll dice at the front desk and indicate winner on the score sheet. If it is not written on the score sheet, the office will roll dice. Be aware that court placement can sometimes be skewed if we had to close a court the week before because too many people needed subs.
8. If four people need subs in one week, causing one court to be closed, their score will be 10. This is based on a score of 12 points each, minus the 2 subtracted for an imaginary sub. When there are an uneven number of "Byes," those players that had to miss an extra week will be given a score of 12. **If the front office is unable to find enough subs to fill the flight and a court is closed, courts are frozen and the flight is replayed the following week.**
9. **IMPORTANT!** There are typically 5+ courts in the men's Tuesday and Wed. nights, so when moving up or down to other courts, **you may be changing back and forth from 7:30 P.M. and 9:00 P.M. Please check the scores each week so you will know at what time you will be playing the following week.** Also, check your emails each week for playing times. Only Tuesday (silver) and Wednesday (gold) night flights change times.

10. All flights are doubles. Each week a player will play three eight-game sets with no ad scoring. You will be provided a score sheet to keep a record of total wins and losses of games.
11. These rules have been adopted by the Tennis Committee.