

## Calcutta Tournament Rules

The Edgebrook Calcutta is a fun party and mixed doubles tournament that is meant to draw together the members of the club. All levels of play can enjoy this event that has a rich history and is the highlight of the tennis calendar!

**Format:** All players that sign-up are divided into three categories A, B, and C with A being the strongest level of play. At the very entertaining and fun auction party (Friday), players are randomly drawn and placed into mixed doubles teams, A's teaming with C's and B's teaming with B's. All teams are then auctioned off to the highest bidder(s). Teams are then placed in a tournament draw according to USTA rules and then we play out the tournament the following weekend. All teams are guaranteed at least two single set matches in the tournament and team owners have the chance to win a percentage of money out of the prize pool based upon their team's success in the tournament. A scoring handicap system is used to even out any disparity in levels. The finals of the tournament are played on Sunday.

**Player Availability:** Players must be able to play the entire day Saturday (although you will be randomly assigned either the roughly 10:00am to 2:00pm time or the 2:00pm to 6:00pm time frame) When registering please let us know which time on Saturday you prefer. Finals will be on Sunday.

**Party & Auction:** All members are invited to the Calcutta auction party. While we won't have a potluck style event this year, we will have single serve beverages and encourage members to bring their own items for consumption as they At this potluck/appetizer party, anyone may bid on teams or just enjoy watching the auction, it is a fun way to get to know other members, this will begin at 7:30PM.

**Formation of teams:** The tennis staff produces a list of players divided into the level categories. All team combinations will be drawn at random to include one man and one woman according to the following combinations: A man partnering with a C woman, A woman partnering with a C man and B women and men partnering. Spouses, significant others, and players playing together the year before may not play together. In this case names will be put back in the box and a new name will be drawn.

**Bidding and Team Ownership:** Once a team is formed the bidding begins. Anyone may bid on a team. All bidding starts at \$20 and increases in minimum raises of \$5. Owners may split their ownership any way that they agree upon. One person must be responsible for payment of bid and collection of prize money. All teams must be paid in full by the start of the first match on Saturday. [Cash only.]

**Prize Pool:** All money collected will be put in a prize pool to be given out entirely in the form of prize money. A small allotment will be given as player prizes to top performers of the Main and Consolation Draws. The remaining money shall be distributed to the owners of teams based upon the team results.

**Distribution of Money Pool:** Prize money will be distributed so as the Main Draw will constitute 60% and the Consolation Draw 40% of total funds after subtracting money for player prizes (\$100). 16 team owners will win money!

Main Draw			Consolation Draw		
Champion	1 team	20%	Champion	1 team	11%
Finalist	1 team	10%	Finalist	1 team	7%
Third Place	1 team	8%	Third Place	1 team	6%
Fourth Place	1 team	6%	Fourth Place	1 team	4%
5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Place	4 teams	4%	5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Place	4 teams	3%

**Seeding:** The top 8 teams in order of sold price will be seeded (placed), with the highest priced team being seeded first. The rest of the teams will then be placed in the draw randomly according to USTA rules.

**The Draw:** The Draw will be single elimination with a first match loser's consolation draw. Any team that loses their first match will be placed into the consolation draw automatically. First-round consolation draw losers will get at least one more single set match in the Double Elimination Draw. This ensures that all teams will have a minimum of two single set matches. In addition, there will be a playoff for 3rd and 4th place for main draw and consolation. If you reach the semi-finals in one of the draws, and lose, you will play one more match to determine 3rd or 4th place in your respective draws (main draw or consolation).

**The Goal:** Friendly and fun for members of all levels, this is a fun event that is designed to bring our tennis community together in a club wide event. It is designed as a way for members to play with others they may not know or would never be paired with outside of this event.

### **General Calcutta Tournament Rules**

Except where noted, the tournament draw will be administered under USTA rules. Alex will act as Tournament Director.

- Please check-in 15 minutes prior to your scheduled match time. Players that are more than 15 minutes late can be defaulted.
- Courts will be assigned on a space available basis through the semifinals. Finals matches will be placed on the best courts for viewing.
- Warm-up will be 10 minutes.
- Please use the scorecards on the court so that spectators and staff can determine how far along matches are to maximize efficiency of the courts.
- Matches will be a single set to 6, with ad scoring with a tie-break (first to seven points) through the semifinals. The finals of each draw will be a 2 out of 3 sets with a super tiebreak in lieu of a full third set.
- Please say the score clearly and loudly and make line calls immediately giving the opponent the benefit of the doubt.

- Server should review serve handicap as a reminder to everyone on the court prior to serving their service game.

After your match, please return the balls to the tournament desk and check on your status in the tournament.

### Calcutta Handicap Rules

Scoring:

- If a team is leading by 1 game (example 3-2) they begin the next game down 15-0.
- If a team is leading by 2 games (4-2) they begin the next game down 30-0.
- If a team is leading by 3 games or more (5-2) they begin the next game down 40-0.

When the score is being handicapped, start serving on the appropriate side according to the score. 0-15 is the ad side. 0-30 is the deuce side. 0-40 is the ad side. Serving: Serving to opponent below your level you get only 1 serve. Serving to anyone at or above your level you get 2 serves. Exceptions: C Women get 3 serves to everyone. B Women get 2 serves to C Men. A Women get 2 serves to B Men. A Men get one serve to A Women. Special Circumstances: The Tournament Director may place special handicaps on certain players to even out the playing field. These players will be noted with an asterisk\* by their name. Players with an asterisk following their name follow the service and receiving rules of the next lower level. A\* Woman has the same serving and receiving rules as a B Woman. A\* Man has the same serving and receiving rules as a B Man. B\* Woman has the same serving and receiving rules as a C Woman. B\* Man has the same serving and receiving rules as a C Man.

**Additional Bonus - Bisesques:** Any asterisked player gets one bisque at any time during the match. A bisque is a free point. A bisque must be claimed before the point is played. Bisesques may not be used on match point (if it is match point for you or your opponent). In cases where both teams want a bisque, the first team to announce the bisque receives it. If both teams announce their bisque at the simultaneously, they should spin the racquet to see who receives it. The team that loses the spin keeps their bisque and it can be used at a later time. After using the bisque, the orange bisque ribbon should be removed from the scorecards.