

Agenda
THE EDGEBROOK CLUB
Cups Committee meeting virtual
April 29th 11:30am

Call to Order: 11:33am

Attendance:

Evergreen – Tracy Askilrud
 Emerald – Laura Rochford
 Classic 1 – Absent
 Classic 2 – Kristin Brennock
 Rainier – Laura Kimball
 Challenge 1 – Sharon Jaeger
 Challenge 2 – Tammy Alford
 Challenge 3 – Melissa Beckman
 Kingco – Becky Newby
 Tennis Director – Stephen Welt
 Club Manager – Chauntelle Johnson

Approval of Old Minutes: sent as email attachment. Please read prior to meeting for expedited approval. Tammy motioned to approve the old meeting minutes. Laura seconded. Approved by all.

Current Business:

- Address Cup Composition:
 - Chart below with language that clarifies the “Optimal Roster” is a strong recommendation, but not a requirement.
 - Level of play is based on current USTA rating or if no USTA rating is available, on comparable level of play.
 - The table below details desired CUP levels and eligible level of play:

Division	USTA or equivalent rating	Optimal roster should include *	Lowest level allowed on Roster	Highest level allowed on Roster
Kingco	4.5 or better	65% or more 4.5 or better	4.0	NA
Challenge	4.0 or better	65% or more 4.0 or better	3.5	4.5
Rainier	Strong 3.5 or better	65% or more Strong 3.5 or better	3.5	4.0
Classic	3.5 or better	50% or more 3.5 or better	3.0	3.5
Emerald	3.0 or better	50% or more 3.0 or better	2.5	3.0
Evergreen	2.5 or better	40% or more 2.5	NA	3.0

- Players from a lower level may sub up to the next highest level a maximum of 4 times per season.

- *At time of registration, it will be required to enter the players' current USTA rating. If teams are registering with a significantly low percentage of "eligible" players, the President, or her designee, may contact the Club to discuss viability of the team and their eligibility to play at that level. Registration may be denied.
- EB Cups Committee Discussion: **As a club, what parameters would we want to use when formatting teams? The difference between "requirement", "recommendation" and "working towards a goal."**
- General comments shared: Challenge 3 team will need to either have a significant roster overhaul or the club will lose the team at the Challenge level – this was a directive from the SACT league based on results from the past two seasons. One Challenge level team asked that teams not be too large. One Challenge level player (not present) shared concern over not getting much playing opportunity if teams at the Challenge level were combined.
- Chauntelle mentioned general USTA ratings numbers for the club based on the 2019 rosters. Group discussed how those numbers fit into the new ratings to get a sense of how much movement to expect. Largest group of players at the club is 4.0, followed by 3.0, 3.5 and 2.5 within one player of each other and a small number of 4.5+s. Stephen stated there would be some major changes that he would have to implement from top to bottom for teams to meet the guidelines from SACT and also to meet the expectations for teams to be slightly larger than last season across all levels. Chauntelle reminded the committee that ALL clubs/teams would be making changes. We are not the only club that will have players at all levels changing what level they play at for the 2020 season.
- Consensus from the EB Cups Committee is to use the optimal percentages as the baseline for Stephen to create teams. The Kingco level team will be "working towards the goal" of 65% while the remaining levels will need to meet the percentages set by the SACT league. Chauntelle committed to act on behalf of the club if other teams or clubs are found to not be meeting the guidelines that the cups league have set.
- Concerns over the number of players at required level for Kingco was raised. As it stands, there are not enough players at the Kingco level for a 65% roster minimum to be reached. Mary Monroe, SACT Board President did give directive via email that a team with 54% from our club would likely be accepted to remain at the Kingco level. Discussion around how to best support our 4.5+ players and maintain a Kingco level team included a number analysis and the impact at multiple levels of Cups at Edgebrook. With the change to the SACT league rules (see below) and the loss of multiple players at the Kingco level to moving and ratings changes that no longer put them in the 4.5+ category, the Kingco team has requested help to field a team out of Edgebrook. The EB Cups Committee is making the recommendation to the Tennis Committee and BOD that would allow for them to utilize a non-member to help field the team. Comments from Becky included that the Kingco team will look to add players that are as strong as possible (5.0 or strong 4.5) to help ensure the team is able to stay competitive at the Kingco level and remain in good standing in the rankings to not lose the team. Tammy motioned to approve 2 additional non-members added to the Kingco team for the 2020-2021 season only as a test. Becky seconded. Approved by all.
- Laura R. requested clarity from SACT on if a sub needs to fall in the USTA guidelines listed. Chauntelle committed to reach out for an answer from the SACT President.
- Address "Tennis Privileges" change: SACT Regulations F.1.b: Change "full tennis privileges" to "tennis privileges" – This would still be subject to Cups Committee and Tennis Committee recommendations to the Edgebrook Board of Directors for final approval to meet club by-laws and other protocol.
- Roster Minimums: SACT Regulations F.2.b: Change wording to set a minimum number of players per team at 8; there is no maximum
- Scheduling: SACT Regulations M.3: The number of teams necessary to split a division into two from 40 to 36.

- Scoring: Must be up by THREE games. SACT Match Rules H.6.c: Change wording from “all unfinished sets must be won by 2 games or a tiebreak” to “all unfinished sets must be won by 3 games or a completed tie break”
- Notable item: no change to ad/no ad scoring change implemented in 2019-2020.
- Registration opening and closing dates
 - Registration will not include cup levels and will instead ask for USTA ratings, Cups record and USTA doubles record for the most recent calendar year. Registration will also include days available to play and one preferred partner. Team accommodations for members who are only able to play on certain days of the week may not be feasible.
 - Registration for Edgebrook Club Cups teams will be done online from June 1st-June 7th.
- Dates for when teams are to be presented to the Cups committee
 - Proposed teams will be presented to the Cups Committee by June 15th.

Business from the Floor: Sharon thanked Stephen and Chauntelle for their work regarding cups. No other business from the floor was raised.

Next meeting/Next steps:

- Next meeting is set for June 17th (as a virtual meeting at 11:30am) to review proposed teams by Stephen.

Adjourn: 1:28pm