

RULES FOR FLIGHTS

ROUND ROBIN

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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. Players in multi-time flights (5+ courts) need to be prepared to play at both times. **Once flight court placements have been sent and a player decides to drop out, they will be billed for the entire session with no refund and will be unable to sign-up for flights for the upcoming session.**
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 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 (\$16) staff can assist in finding a sub when **given a less than 72- hour advance notice (3 days)**.
 - (5a) If a player finds their own sub, that sub must be at flight level.
 - (5b) Two games will automatically be deducted from a sub's score.
 - (5c) 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.

If you are a NO-SHOW, you will be charged \$16. If you are on a court with a no-show, you will be credited \$4.50 for that date. The remaining players that are at the club to play will receive 12 for games won. If you have two or more no-shows in one session, you will not be allowed to play the following session. Please do not leave three other players stranded! **Players that arrive more than 10 minutes after the start time will automatically move down the next week.** Again, a phone call or email notification is acceptable.

6. **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.

7. If we are unable to find enough subs to play all courts for the flight in advance (NOT a no-show; this is a lack of subs able to fill the flight), a court will be CLOSED. This means that one or more courts will not play that week and the ENTIRE lineup will be played/re-played the following week – all courts are frozen from any movement if playing a ladder format. Round-Robin format continues as scheduled regardless of closed courts. For anyone needing a sub when a court is closed, their score will be 10. This is based on a score of 12, minus 2 subtracted for an imaginary sub. If you are available to play and your court is closed, you will receive a score of 12 that week. Scores from all played courts still count, but there is no movement in the ladder format.
8. IMPORTANT! There are typically 5+ courts in the Men's Tuesday night 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 and Wednesday night flights change times.
9. All flights are doubles with no-ad scoring. Each flight court will play a max of 24 games. If players do not complete 24 games within their flight window, the remaining games will be split between all players as wins. Players will switch partners after every 8 games – allowing all players to partner with each other.
10. These rules have been adopted by the Tennis Committee.