EDGEBROOK CUP TENNIS HANDBOOK

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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 Greater Seattle area beginning in September. 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.

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+

Ideally, each team will have 12 to 16 players. Exceptions to these numbers will be considered only with approval from the Cup Committee and Tennis Staff. In the Tennis Staff and Cups Committee's experience, teams work best when they have a minimum of 12 players.

The goal is to direct all players to the appropriate level of play. With this in mind, Edgebrook Tennis Staff will evaluate sign-ups and determine if the team numbers and players are appropriate at each level. Edgebrook Tennis Staff include the Club Manager and Tennis Pros. Rosters for teams will be made public approximately 14 days after the end of the sign-up period. Players can petition the Cups Committee if they feel their placement is incorrect. If a petition is 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.
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. 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 agree to follow the decisions voted on by the team.

1. Cups player sign-up forms must be submitted online to the Edgebrook 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 by the deadline may not be eligible to play during that season. The exception is a new member joining the club after sign-ups.
5. Players who have missed the sign-up deadline will not be permitted to play unless there is room on a team. The player will be placed on a team (possibly not the team requested) and has 7 days to accept or decline the placement.
6. For players with no current USTA rating, please see Tennis Staff for evaluation and Cup recommendation.
7. 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.
8. 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. NEW MEMBERS TO EDGEBROOK CLUB

A member new to Edgebrook and Edgebrook Cups will be evaluated by Tennis Staff 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 and/or with Cup Committee approval as stated above.

VIII. 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 if contested. 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 may be a teaching pro.
3. The captain and co-captain (unless it is a teaching pro) shall serve a term for one year with a maximum limit of two consecutive years starting with the 2016-17 season.

IX. 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, if any.
4. Two (2) Cups Committee Team Representatives for each team will be determined.
5. These items will be approved by majority vote.

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. Communicate with the team about schedule, etc.

X. CUPS COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The Club Manager 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 two representatives from each team. The CCC and Co-Chair cannot be from the same Cup level. The team representatives cannot be the captain or the co-captain. Each representative will have one vote. If one or both of the representatives cannot attend a meeting, the team captain and/or the co-captain may attend and vote instead. The Club Manager serves on the committee and has voting privileges.

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 and sign-up process. The Cups Committee is responsible to the Tennis Committee and the Board of Directors.

XI. 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 Staff, 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.

XII. 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, in the case of a contested position, which will be tallied by the Tennis Staff, Club Manager and current CCC. Majority vote will determine the new chairperson.

XIII. TEAM REPRESENTATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

The team representatives are 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 14 days of the Cups Committee Meetings.
4. Take any matters needing resolution among team members regarding play to the Tennis Staff and Club Manager.
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 any personal bias.