

SILVERIDGE TENNIS CLUB RECREATIONAL LEAGUE POLICY

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This Policy document was created by the Silveridge Tennis Club to record club decisions regarding the newly-created (2021-2022) East Valley Senior Tennis League (EVSTL) Recreational (Rec) Tennis league program.

The goal of the Recreational League is to provide recreation and fellowship through organized league tennis matches between EVSTL member clubs.

Rec Tennis is for players who want:

- to play inter-club tennis without the structure of the Tencap program,
- to be part of their club's tennis team,
- the flexibility to play as often as they wish,
- to commit less time to tennis, and/or
- to participate in/return to Tencap play but are not yet ready to do so.

Rec Players and Level of Play

The Silveridge Tennis Club policy on Rec players and levels of play is as follows:

- Rec players can use their Tencap rating to determine their level of play, or they can play at the last league level that they played, or they may be placed at a level as determined by the club Rating Committee. Players who wish to play Rec League at a level that is outside their Tencap number may petition the Rating Committee to approve play at that level.
- New players to the club will receive an on-court evaluation to determine their level of play unless they have an established Tencap number.
- Rec players should play at a level appropriate for their skill set.
- See "Players Switching between Tencap and Rec Leagues" below for additional information.

Court Reservations

Given that the EVSTL Tencap and Rec leagues will be played on the same day per level, the Silveridge Tennis Club will set aside its four courts for the morning hours Monday through Friday for Tencap and/or Rec leagues for the dates of Home matches.

The courts may be used by Tennis Club members or non-members in the mornings for Away league match dates (either Tencap or Rec), unless a court(s) is reserved by the Court Scheduler for a special purpose (e.g., Tencap Opportunity Match [OM] or specified Rec match).*

Players Switching Between Tencap and Rec Leagues

One of the stated goals of the Rec League is to allow as much flexibility as possible for players. Given this goal, the Silveridge Tennis Club policy for league players who wish to play Tencap and/or Rec tennis is as follows:

- SR Rec players may substitute on a SR or SR-combined (i.e., with another club) ** Tencap team from week to week at the invitation of a team captain AND within the Tencap rules for substitute players.
- SR Tencap players may substitute on a SR or SR-combined Rec team** from week to week at the invitation of a team captain, and as long as they are playing at an appropriate level for their skill set.

Team Practices

The Silveridge Tennis Club policy on team practices** is as follows:

- SR Rec players are encouraged and allowed to practice with their same-level Tencap team members during the coaching practice.
- Any SR player (either Tencap or Rec) who is playing at a different level (e.g., a 1.5 Tencap player who is playing 2.0 Rec tennis) is encouraged and allowed to practice (i.e., both coaching practice and match play practice) with the team level with whom they will play that week.
- Any SR Rec player is encouraged and allowed to participate in a Tencap match play practice if they are substituting that week, or as a fill-in at the invitation of a team captain.

Membership Dues

Rec players will pay the same club dues as Tencap players and Social members (i.e., non-playing members who wish to support the club). There will be no additional dues required for tennis players who wish to play both Tencap league and Rec league.

Team Uniforms

The Silveridge Tennis Club policy on uniforms is as follows:

- SR team members (either Rec or Tencap) are encouraged but not required to purchase/wear uniforms. If a player does not have a uniform and does not wish to purchase one, they are encouraged to wear a light blue shirt and neutral-colored trousers, shorts or skirt.
- Any SR team that is combined with another club should make the decision on uniforms jointly with the other club.

Rec Play

The Silveridge Tennis Club policy on Rec play is as follows:

- One can of balls will be supplied by the Rec Team Facilitator (generally the Tencap team captain) to be used for up to two matches for each Rec court during Home match dates.
- The match format for Home Rec matches will be the best two out of three sets, with a third set tiebreaker, if necessary.
- Rec players may "mix and match" with members of their team on league match day if there are no players available from the opposing team.
- Match scores are not recorded for Rec matches.
- Rec matches shall be conducted in compliance with the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Rules and the guidance of the USTA Code of Conduct.

* On Away match dates, the Court Scheduler shall not allow more than two courts to be reserved by EVSTL for outside clubs (either for OM or Rec matches), thus leaving a minimum of two courts available for Silveridge Tennis Club members.

** Any outside club that is combined with the applicable SR team must also agree with this policy on team practice.