

2021-22 RECREATIONAL TENNIS TRIAL

STRUCTURE:

1. REC ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Chairperson Ken Borle MR, Julie Post LW, Janet Chabot LW, Rick Day TP, Richard Bleecker MV, Bonita Wilford VP

Duties – develop structure, monitor and suggest adaptations; communicate with presidents, coordinators and facilitators; report to the Executive Committee/presidents during the trial season

2. CLUB PRESIDENT/LEADERSHIP

Duties – take action on club decisions listed below; provide information to the Rec Advisory Committee as requested; support Club Rec Coordinator

Note - Club presidents may delegate some of these duties to others.

CLUB DECISIONS:

- Each club will determine the anticipated number of Rec players (men & women by level). There are no minimum requirements; clubs may have Rec players at some levels but not at others.
- Each club will appoint an overall Rec Coordinator who is familiar with the process whether they have interested Rec players or not, as players can be added anytime during the season.
- Each club will set aside a specific number of courts for Tencap and Rec play.
- Each club determines the conditions and timeframe that would allow players to move between Tencap and Rec play. (Examples – new players, injured players, etc.) The Rec Advisory Committee recommends allowing willing Rec players to sub in Tencap matches, and vice-versa, in order to allow the maximum number of players to play every week.
- Most clubs include EVSTL dues in their tennis club dues. Otherwise, clubs can determine what to charge Rec players who will be using balls, sharing food, and possibly playing in Tencap matches and/or receiving instruction.
- Each club determines if Rec players will be invited to team practices. If so, Rec players will decide if they wish to participate in team practices.

Note – Tencap Coordinators (TCC's), past and present, may be good resources for club leadership.

3. EVSTL REC ADMINISTRATOR

Duties – ensure clubs complete the Rec MCI by July 15; produce a Rec schedule that follows the Tencap schedule and includes clubs with Rec players but no Tencap team at a particular level; set up Google sheets for each level by week with tabs for each home/away matchup (If a club has more than 1 team at a level, this club and all their opponents will utilize the same sheet.) These sheets will include an area for Rec Team Facilitators to list available Rec players along with the actual match play log; give Edit access to Rec Team Facilitators (all others will have View access); hide old Google sheets in preparation for upcoming play

4. CLUB REC COORDINATOR

Duties – oversee Rec play; work closely with TCC to determine who is playing under Tencap and who is playing Rec tennis; identify, appoint and support Rec Team Facilitators for each level or groups of levels (some Tencap captains may be interested in acting as the facilitator for their gender/level Rec players); work with TCC to monitor/advise players who move between Rec & Tencap play as determined by club leadership; gather player feedback from Rec Team Facilitators to provide to presidents/Rec Advisory Committee

5. REC TEAM FACILITATORS

Duties – create a weekly list of available players by utilizing email or electronic signup (i.e. – Signup Genius); communicate weekly with opponent's Rec Team Facilitator to determine the number of available courts and the number of Rec players available; find additional players, if needed, which could include Tencap players who don't have a match or players from adjacent levels; enter pairings on Google spreadsheet (players can view the spreadsheet to see where/when they play); greet/organize players at home court, explain format, supply balls and monitor play; gather feedback from Rec players

6. REC PLAYERS

Responsibilities – sign up with Rec Team Facilitator for their level to indicate the weeks they are available to play; inform Rec Team Facilitator if they are willing to play in Tencap matches if needed to fill vacancies (these Rec players need an on-court evaluation to determine a Tencap rating if they do not already have one)

GUIDELINES:

- Generally, Rec players will 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 their club. New players should receive an on-court evaluation.
- Rec players should play at a level appropriate for their skills.
- If Rec players decide to participate in Tencap matches, they must play at the level indicated by their Tencap rating; new players must receive an on-court evaluation to determine their Tencap rating.
- The Rec Coordinator and/or Rec Team Facilitator will suggest a level move to Rec players in order to achieve a more positive tennis experience, or the player may be asked to be re-evaluated to determine the level of play.

WEEKLY PROCESS:

- The Rec Team Facilitator will send a weekly email or use electronic signup (i.e. Signup Genius) to create their list of interested Rec players for the particular level to play that week. Rec Team Facilitators for the two (or more) clubs will communicate with each other to determine how many men's and women's matches will be held; mixed doubles is an option if all 4 players agree. There doesn't need to be an equal number of players from each of the 2 clubs; there could be 3 or 4 players from one club on a court. The goal is to give all players an opportunity to play if courts are available. Rec Team Facilitators could ask players from one level lower or higher to play in order to complete a foursome.
- If there are more Rec players than home and away courts available, Rec Team Facilitators will utilize alternate options to attempt to find available courts in order to allow as many Rec players as possible to play every week. Otherwise, Rec Team Facilitators will rotate their Rec players so everyone gets a chance to play and to play with as many different Rec players as possible.
- The Rec Team Facilitators will send an email to their club's Rec players that includes either a screenshot of or a link to the Google sheet that will inform players where and when they are playing.

REC PLAY:

- The Rec Team Facilitator will supply a can of balls that may be used for up to 2 matches for each Rec court at their respective club.
- Scorekeepers are not required for Rec matches; however, if someone volunteers to keep score that is permissible.
- A regular match (best 2-out-of-3 with a 3rd set tie-breaker, if needed) is the **recommended** format. (This would also be the format for mixed doubles.)
- Other Options:
 - In situations where there are 3 or 4 players from the same club on a court, they may play a set with each of the other 3 players on their court (2nd deuce game point and first to 6 wins the set, in order to save time for 3 full sets).
 - When there are 3 or more courts of Rec players, a Progressive Mixer (Play/Move/Split) format could be used. Explanation - Winners of the set move up a court (winners stay on top court)/losers move down a court (losers stay on bottom court), then split. The spin of a racquet determines the new partner. Players would play 3 total sets (2nd deuce game point and first to 6 wins the set, in order to save time for 3 full sets).
- All matches shall be conducted in compliance with the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Rules and the guidance of the USTA Code of Conduct.
- Match scores are not recorded.