

Rec FAQ's

Question: How do Tencap captains ensure that they have enough courts for Tencap teams if they need to commit extra courts for Rec play?

Answer: Tencap captains should set aside the maximum number of courts that they would need according to the lineups that both captains enter, anticipating that lines will be filled with playups/playdowns and OM players/teams. If captains find that they don't need as many courts as first anticipated, they should notify the Rec Team Facilitator that there are additional courts for Rec play.

Example: LW has 3 lines of men and 2 lines of ladies, and MV has 2 lines of men and 3 lines of ladies. The home captain should keep 3 courts for 2 rounds in the hopes that LW will get a ladies team and MV will get a men's team from the OM spreadsheet, or by utilizing playups/playdowns in order to even out the lines. In this case, if the home club has 4 courts available for league play, then they would let the Rec Team Facilitator know that they have 1 court for 2 rounds available when both captains have entered their lineups 5 days before play. Once OM players/teams are assigned 2 days before play, additional courts may be available for Rec play and captains should notify facilitators.

Question: What if our club has enough teams that our courts are being used for Tencap play every week?

Answer: This situation may happen often if a club has more than one team at a level, and on Thursdays since both the 1.5's and 4.0's play on this day. There still may be courts available at the home courts, and there are other options for courts for Rec play.

Question: What if we have more Rec players than courts available at the home and away teams' clubs?

Answer: There are 4 other options for finding extra courts. (1) If one of the teams is combined with players from another club, check with the Rec Coordinator or Rec Team Facilitator from that club. (2) Check with the OM Coordinator for that level to see if there are extra OM courts available. (3) Send an email to EVSTL club court schedulers to identify unused courts. (4) A final option for courts is an Affiliate's club courts if they are scheduled in a match.

Question: What if a Tencap player doesn't get a Tencap match or placed in an OM? Would they be able to play in a Rec match?

Answer: The club will be deciding if/how players will be allowed to move between Tencap and Rec play. If the club decides that extra Tencap players can play Rec, the captain would notify the Rec Team Facilitator that this player is available to play Rec as soon as possible.

Question: What if a club decides to not participate in the Rec Trial, then player(s) decide they want to play after the beginning of the season?

Answer: The Rec Trial is very flexible. Players can be added to the list of interested players at any time during the trial season. The club would need to assign a Club Rec Coordinator if they have not already done so. This person can act as the Rec Team Facilitator if there are only a few interested players. Even if a club has decided to not participate in Rec, they could send out a request for players if the opposing team has players participating in Rec. These clubs may find that they have players interested in Rec after-the-fact.

Question: How do we determine the level for players who have been out of playing league for a while?

Answer: According to the guidelines, 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. Hopefully most of these players have been playing round-robin or with other groups which will be helpful in placing them at an appropriate level. They can be encouraged to switch to another level if the Rec Team Facilitator notices that the player is noticeably better or worse than the other players. However, the main goal is to get players back on the courts.

Question: Should the away club provide snacks for Rec players?

Answer: This would be a club decision and would probably depend on how many Rec players are scheduled to play. It's always a nice gesture to offer coffee and light snacks. (Snacks will be optional for EVSTL for the 2021-22 season due to COVID19 concerns.)

Question: What if a host club has four Rec players from the visiting club using a court, thereby depriving members from the host club from using that court?

Answer: The visiting club should make an effort to schedule this match at their home court. This situation should not happen very often, unless a club is playing a team that isn't participating in Rec Play. If Rec players are paying EVSTL dues, then they have the right to take up a court.

Question: Can Rec players participate in the tournaments?

Answer: This decision would be left up to the clubs that host the tournaments.

Question: What if a club does not have Tencap players at a particular level, but they have Rec players at that level?

Answer: If there are an odd number of Tencap teams at a level, there would be weekly byes. 1 or 2 clubs with Rec players but no Tencap teams at that level could be placed in the bye spot on the Tencap schedule. The Tencap players on the team with a bye would normally go on the OM spreadsheet; however, some may opt to just play Rec that week. This would allow these Rec players to be included on the schedule. If there are no byes at a level, clubs who have Rec players only and no Tencap teams at the level could be combined with clubs that have few or no Rec players.

Question: Will the Rec Trial negatively affect EVSTL Tencap league?

Answer: The hope is that the Rec Trial will stimulate players' return to playing tennis and encourage participation in Tencap play.

Question: If a Tencap player rated at 1.5 is placed on the 2.0 Rec league because they have improved their skills, then they decide to return to Tencap, what level would they play?

Answer: Technically, the player would play at the level indicative of their Tencap rating (1.5). However, the Provisional Status allows players to play at the level determined by their club to match their skills.

Question: What if the Tencap captain and the Rec Team Facilitator are the same person and therefore can't be at both home and away matches?

Answer: Rec Team Facilitators are responsible for organizing players at their home courts. However, if the Tencap team is scheduled away, the Tencap captain/Rec Team Facilitator should designate an assistant (possibly one of the Rec players or the Club Rec Coordinator) to organize play at the home court. If the Tencap captain is playing at home, one of the Rec players can be responsible for roll call of the Rec players before carpooling to the away courts. The Rec Team Facilitator for the away club would organize play.

Question: What if our club only has 4 courts and are hesitant to offer courts for Rec play when the Tencap team is scheduled away?

Answer: Each club must determine how many courts they will provide for Rec play when the Tencap team is away. However, Rec league may provide an alternative for the social players at the club.