

Anytime Singles League Rules

Scoring

Because of time restraints (90 minute court reservation), matches will consist of 2 full sets, and a “super tie-breaker” if you split sets. A “super tiebreaker” is played with normal tiebreaker rules except that it is first to reach 10 points instead of 7 points. These are the official recommendations that should allow you to finish the match in 90 minutes. If both parties agree, other scoring formats may be used.

Scheduling Matches

The procedure for scheduling matches involves two steps. *Step One:* Call the Shellabarger Tennis Center to reserve the available courts using the seven-day advance reservation policy. Matches can be played during any business hours. *Step Two:* Contact opponents for the reserved court times. Please try to accept all match requests as best as possible. The spirit of the league is to play lots of different opponents within your division. There is a 24-hour cancellation policy for court fees. Be prepared to be flexible in your scheduling, as there will surely be competition to get popular court times.

5 Match Minimum for Players

The league minimum to qualify for the playoffs is five matches. Up to two matches may be played against each opponent.

Court Fees

The court fees for your first five matches will be covered by the \$90 registration fee. Please check in at the front desk before the match and tell the desk you are playing a singles league match so you will not be charged for the court.

Extra Matches

You are encouraged to play more than five matches in this league. If you play an extra match in the league, you may choose to “throw out” one of your losses towards making the playoffs. Example: If you play a total of eight matches; you may “throw out” 3 match results and then take your best 5 results to try to qualify for the playoffs. You may play as many matches as you like – court fees apply after your first 5 matches.

Tennis Balls

Both opponents are required to bring a new can of balls to the match. The winner keeps the unopened can.

Standings

You Receive:

0 points for a straight set loss

1 points for a split set loss

2 points for a win

3 points for a win versus a “good opponent”

A “good opponent” is defined as a player who finishes the league with a .500 winning percentage or better. You will receive 2 points at the time of your win and the 3rd bonus point at the end of the league for each win versus a “good opponent”. **Your final point total will be the total of your best five matches.**

Reporting Scores

The winner is responsible for recording the score on the league sheets in the lobby.

Divisions

The tennis league is divided into co-ed divisions. The division process is not perfect, but similar to a tournament seeding process. Sorry, but we have to make the cutoffs somewhere. If you win your division, you will be considered for advancement to the next higher division for the next league based on participation. Please remember the spirit of the singles league is to meet other Shellaburger Tennis members, and hopefully have quality tennis matches along the way.

Playoffs

The top 4 in each division will make the playoffs. There will be a prize for each divisional winner. Remember, your final score is your **BEST 5 RESULTS**. You are encouraged to play more than 5 matches. There will be a published playoff date for all divisions. If you qualify for the playoffs, but cannot make the playoff finals, then the next place finisher may be asked to play for you.

Tiebreaker

In the case of a tie for a spot in the playoffs, the following tiebreaker procedure will be followed; #1 Head to Head, #2 Fewest Losses, #3 Most Wins, #4 Coin Toss.

Remember!

Remember to tell the desk monitor that you are playing a singles league match, so you are not charged for court time.

Have Fun!

Enjoy the spirit of competition in the Anytime Singles League!!