

Team Tennis

Rules and Procedures

The rules and procedures outlined below are designed to make Team Tennis run as smoothly and efficiently as possible so this program is enjoyable for everyone involved.

The most important thing to remember is that *the success of team tennis depends on each and every player being there or having someone else there for them!*

General Rules

- The early (6:45pm) matches **must start on time**. All warm-ups must be completed beforehand.
- The early (6:45pm) matches **must complete by 8:30pm**. If a set is not completed at 8:30pm, the leading team will be awarded the set and the match will end. If tied, a first to five point tiebreak will be played to determine the winner.
- If a set cannot be started because a player is absent or late, the opposing team will be **awarded one game for every five minutes** until play can begin.
- Team captains must fill out player names and attendance on the scoresheet. The black team captain must also ensure the date, time, and team numbers are recorded correctly on the score sheet.
- After the match, the black team captain is responsible for ensuring that the scores are recorded on the website within 24 hours. The score sheet must also be filed with the other completed score sheets in the clubhouse.

Game Rules

- Each set will consist of the first team to 6 games
- A first to 5 points tie-breaker will be played at 5 games all
- All deuces will be sudden death

Set	Court	Black Team		White Team
1	1	Players 1 and 3	vs	Players 1 and 3
	2	Players 2 and 5		Players 2 and 5
	3	Players 4 and 6		Players 4 and 6
2	1	Players 1 and 2	vs	Players 1 and 2
	2	Players 4 and 5		Players 4 and 5
	3	Players 3 and 6		Players 3 and 6
3	1	Players 1 and 4	vs	Players 1 and 4
	2	Players 2 and 3		Players 2 and 3
	3	Players 5 and 6		Players 5 and 6

Rain-Outs

- Team captains should agree on whether a match is rained-out as soon as possible and then phone their team members.
- Team members should assume the match is on unless they've heard otherwise from their captain. If you suspect a rain-out but have not been informed that the match has been cancelled, call your team captain or the clubhouse. Remember that summer showers can be isolated, so just because it's pouring at your house doesn't mean it's raining at the courts.
- Team captains must still record the match online. The match will not be counted towards the overall standings, but we still want a record of it. When entering the match score, check the "rained-out/incomplete" checkbox. If the match was started, also enter the scores for the sets that were completed.

Spares

- All players are responsible for finding their own spares if they are unable to play AND they must inform their team captain.
- Spares must be at a similar skill level as the player they're filling-in for.
- If you have agreed to spare for someone but later find that you cannot, you must arrange a spare and contact the original player or their team captain.
- If you need a spare, create a spare request on the website (*see About online spare requests below*)
- If you need a spare, you can also arrange a spare by phone and then inform your team captain. When phoning for spares, please first call people on the spares list, then call players from teams that have a bye that week, and then call people from the other team tennis day.

About online spare requests:

- Add spare requests on the Team Tennis page on the Hespeler Tennis Club website. You'll receive login information via email after registration.
- Add spare requests as early as possible (e.g. for upcoming vacations)
- Players are encouraged to view the spare requests on the website often and volunteer for those seeking spares.
- If the day of your match is approaching and your online spare request has not yet been accepted, please arrange a spare by phone. After arranging the spare by phone, either have the other player accept the spare request online or update the 'Accepted By' field yourself – don't leave it in an unaccepted state.