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IRMSL Tennis League

Thursday 55+ Men's 3.5 / 5 court league

Part I: League Structure

1. Play conducted under USTA Rules, The Code and Friend at Court unless existing league rules are in place to specify otherwise.
2. League will play five (5) positions of men's doubles.
 - a. Play will be on Thursday mornings normally December - April
3. Teams are comprised of 3.5 male players.
 - a. No 4.0 players allowed
4. Team registration fee of \$125.00 is required to be paid prior to the start of the season –
 - a. JABAAR LLC – PO Box 518 – Palm City, FL 34991
5. **[IRMSL TopDog](#)** will be the league team management/scoring website
 - a. Communicate with League Administrator (LA)
 - b. LA to communicate with captains & players
 - c. Manage teams
 - d. Print scorecards
 - e. Enter scores
 - f. IRMSLtennis.net
 - i. Other league offerings
 - ii. Resources – Useful information
 - iii. Area clubs/facilities
 - iv. Tennis events around town
 - v. Access to TopDog
 - g. [IRMSL Tennis League | TopDog Sports \(topdoglive.com\)](http://IRMSL Tennis League | TopDog Sports (topdoglive.com))

Part II: League Operating Guidelines

Teams

1. Team rosters have no maximum
 - a. Each team shall have a Captain
 - i. A Co-Captain is strongly suggested but not required

Players

1. Must be at least 55 years of age on the last day of the current season.
2. Will be of a 3.5 or 3.0 rating/skill level.
 - a. **No 4.0** rated/skilled players are allowed
 - b. Club Pros can/should help determine a player's skill/rating level
3. Must be rostered on the team before playing in a match.
 - a. Captain will submit player info to the LA to be added
 - i. First & last name (correct spelling of both)
 - ii. City, State & Zip Code
 - iii. Email address
 - iv. Phone contact number (cell phone preferred)
 - b. Information needed for LA to communicate with players

Format of Play

1. Best 2 out of 3 sets with a super tiebreak (first to 10 points by 2) played in lieu of a full 3rd set.
 - a. Playing a full 3rd set is not an option even if all four (4) players agree
 - b. Score for this is entered in TopDog as 1-0 for the winning team
2. **Coman Procedure** used for all tiebreaks
 - a. Set score 6 games all - tiebreak first to 7 by 2 points

Matches

League Administrator may check weekly match results & contact captains if scores are missing. This in an effort to ensure that all scheduled matches are reported according to the league guidelines for all teams to see.

1. One (1) point awarded per position/court won.
2. Strength to weakness will be the concept maintained in weekly lineups.
 - a. Strongest players must be played on position #1.
 - b. Weakest players will be played on position #5.
 - i. It is allowed to play a 3.5 with a 3.0 on positions #4 & #5.
3. Scheduled match start times will be determined by home team.
 - a. All match start times will be shown on league schedule.
4. New cans of yellow tennis balls appropriate for court surface will be furnished by the home team.
5. If a player is late getting to the match & has been in communication, both Captains can agree to let the other positions go ahead & start play
6. Defaults must occur in position/court #5 first & then go up.
 - a. If a default occurs when players are on site for the match, captains can rearrange their lineups

Rain Makeup Matches

❖ Important – A match is not considered to be started until the 1st serve has been struck whether it was good or not. This means that position #1 could still be in their warm up when position # 2 has officially started their match. In case rain comes at this moment, position #2 will need to be resumed by the four (4) players on that court. Position #1 players could be changed by both teams if needed – in accordance with Matches Item #1 - because they did not officially start their match.

1. Makeups need to be played within two (2) weeks.
 - A match already in progress being completed on another day -
 - Players that started the match must be the same players to continue & complete play
 - Play resumes exactly where it was left off
 1. Same set score, game score, team/person serving, team/person receiving

- Individual positions for an in-progress match being completed on another day may be played on different days upon agreement by all four (4) players involved.
- All four (4) players are responsible for confirming & reporting the final score to their captains
- A match already in progress is delayed but hopes of being resumed same day –
 - Both Captains need to agree on how long to wait for the courts to become playable before trying to resume play
 - It only takes one (1) player to say they don't feel safe playing & play will not resume
- A match where both teams are at the match site but match play has not begun and play will begin on another day –
 - Lineups can be changed by both Captains
 - Any previous divulged forfeits are null/void
- A match where both teams are at the match site but match play has not begun with hopes play may begin soon/same day –
 - Both Captains need to agree on how long to wait for the courts to become playable before trying to begin the match
 - It only takes one (1) player to say they don't feel safe play & play will not begin

Scheduling

1. Season shall run – but is not limited to - December through early April.
2. A regular season shall consist of – at least but not limited to - each team playing every other team once IF the number of weeks allows.
 - a. Additional “round” of play can be scheduled if
 - i. Number of weeks permits
 - ii. Captains agree
 - iii. Is in the best interest of the league
 - b. Playoff can be scheduled
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 - ii. Captains agree
 - iii. Is in the best interest of the league

- ❖ **2022-2023** : Twelve (12) team league -
 - Round 1 –
 - each team shall play every other team one (1) time
 - 12/08 to 3/02 then split into two (2) Divisions by total points accumulated at this point.
 - Top 6 or 1-6 & bottom 6 or 7-12
 - Player MUST play in at least two (2) matches in Round #1 in order to play in Round #2
 - Round 2 –
 - Each team will play each team in their Division one (1) time
 - 3/09 to 4/06
 - Team with highest # of total points after the 4/06 match is declared the league winner

If teams vying for 1st place have the same number of total points, below – in order – is how ties will be broken – (displayed in TopDog)

- 1st - win/loss results in head-to-head match play
- 2nd – most sets won
- 3rd – most games won

3. Once published, match dates/times are not subject to change unless both captains affected agree & League Administrator is advised.

Captains Responsibilities

- ❖ Be the spokesman for the team
- ❖ Attend Captain’s meetings or send a designated representative
- ❖ Home captain, contact the visiting Captain 24 hours prior to the match to -
 - Confirm match start time
 - Confirm number of courts playing
 - Confirm directions to your club/facility
 - Confirm any other pertinent information like a gate access code
- ❖ Print the pre-populated lineup/scorecard for exchange with the opposing captain
- ❖ Home team Captain is responsible for entering match results on the website by 9:00 pm the day the match was played
 - Visiting team Captain responsible for confirming match entries within 48 hours or entries automatically confirmed
- ❖ Coordinate with team members and the captain of the visiting team for any “reschedule” matches.