

# IRMSL Tennis League

## Match Play Tuesday Co-Ed 3.0- & Below

### Part I: League Structure

1. Name & Objective: The name of this league shall be the IRMSL Tennis League/Match Play Tuesday Division and will be comprised of local area tennis clubs organized to:
  - a. Manage & promote amateur, competitive team doubles tennis for beginner level players.
  - b. Nurture match play in a more casual environment while reinforcing tennis etiquettes & practiced rules/regulations of other local leagues in the area.
2. Local league play administered by -
  - a. Jessica Agee-Bradshaw, League Administrator (LA)
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    - ii. Cell (770) 330-0696
    - iii. Website – [irmsltennis.net](http://irmsltennis.net)
3. **IRMSL TopDog** will be the league's team management/scoring website
  - a. Ratings will NOT be calculated for this league
4. Play conducted under USTA Rules, The Code and Friend at Court unless a written league guideline is in place to specify otherwise.
5. Soft court surfaces only will currently be used for league play.
6. Clubs/facilities within Martin & St. Lucie Counties are eligible to enter teams.
7. No guest fees will be charged to the visiting team.
8. League will play two (2) positions of doubles.
  - a. Could be womens doubles, mens doubles or mixed doubles
  - b. One (1) point awarded for each position won
9. Teams are comprised of low 3.0 & below rated players.
  - a. Rating given by club pro or existing rating in the TopDog system
  - b. Anyone with a 3.25 rating or higher is not eligible to play
10. A club/facility may field multiple teams in the league.
  - a. A player who is a member at a club/facility with multiple teams is restricted to playing for only one (1) team during a season.

- b. A club/facility must commit to have sufficient number of courts available throughout the league season to host their home matches.
10. A fee of \$20 per player is required to be paid prior to match play
- Checks – JABAAR LLC – PO Box 518 – Palm City, FL 34991
  - Venmo & Zelle available – contact LA

## **Part II: League Operating Guidelines**

### **Teams**

1. Each team shall roster and maintain a minimum of six (6) players
  - a. Each team shall have a Captain (playing or non-playing)
    - i. A Co-Captain is strongly suggested but not required

### **Players**

1. Will be of a low 3.0 rating/skill level.
  - a. 3.25 rating is the highest permitted
2. If player is a member at multiple clubs/facilities, he/she can only be rostered on & play for one (1) club/facility for the entire current league season.
3. Must be rostered on the team before playing in a match.
  - a. Captain will contact LA to add new player(s)
4. Once a player's rating/skill level has been established, it will remain as such for the entire current season.

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> set.
2. [Coman Procedure](#) used for all tiebreaks
  - a. Set score 6 games all - tiebreak first to 7 by 2 points
3. A ten (10) minute break after the 2<sup>nd</sup> set is allowed if desired by any player or either team.

## **Matches**

This is a FUN league set up for all to get more match play experience without an abundance of pressure to win. You will be playing with others around the same skill level to improve your game, become more familiar with various procedures as well as rules/regulations of the game in a more relaxed atmosphere 😊

1. New cans of yellow tennis balls appropriate for court surface will be furnished by the home team opened in the presence of both teams.
  - a. No titanium balls or practice balls allowed.
2. A ten (10) minute warmup is allowed after lineups are exchanged or at the scheduled match start time.
3. A fifteen (15) minute wait period shall be in place for a tardy player.
  - a. Present players may continue to warmup
    - i. Tardy player – past 15 minutes of scheduled match start time – forfeits his warmup
  - b. Both Captains can agree to give tardy player additional time.
  - c. In the event that the tardy player does not show up within either the allotted given 15-minute or subsequent agreed upon timeframe –
    - i. Tardy player’s position is defaulted & his/her partner does not get to play in the match.
    - ii. Neither team gets to adjust their lineup or change pairings.
4. All conflicts should be addressed and tried to be resolved by the captains on site.
  - a. If this cannot be done, both captains shall submit in writing to the LA a recap of the event(s) by 9:00pm day of conflict for resolution.
5. A total of fifteen (15) minutes may be taken as a medical time-out or to assess and treat an injury.
6. Refreshments may be served at the discretion of the home team after the match.

## **Rescheduled Matches**

Should only be done in the case of inclement weather, unplayable court conditions, natural disasters, pandemics & other situations deemed reasonable by the LA & AC.

- ✚ Important – A match is not considered to be started until the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 because their match did not officially start.

1. Captains of both teams must advise the LA via email or text of any matches that will be rescheduled including the reason & all makeup arrangements.
2. Must be played to completion within thirteen (13) days.
  - A match already in progress being completed on another day -
    - Players that started the match must be the same players to continue & complete the match
    - Play resumes exactly where it was left off
      - Same set score, game score, team/person serving, team/person receiving
      - A new can of tennis balls may be opened
    - 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
        - i. Lines are wet – safety issue
  - 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 but are not required to be exchanged
    - Any previous declared forfeits/defaults 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 normally run early November to early April depending on the number of teams participating.
2. A regular season shall consist of, but is not limited to, each team playing every other team once at home and once away.
  - a. Additional "round" of play can be scheduled if -
    - i. Number of weeks permits
    - ii. Captains agree
    - iii. It is in the best interest of the league
  - b. Playoff can be scheduled
    - i. Number of weeks permits
    - ii. Captains agree
    - iii. It is in the best interest of the league
3. Once published, match dates/times are not subject to change for any reason other than inclement weather, unplayable court conditions, natural disasters, pandemics & other situations deemed reasonable by both the LA & the Captains.

## **End of Season Event**

A fun event will be organized to cap off the season.

## **Captains Responsibilities**

- ❖ Be in communication with the LA for any questions you may have.
- ❖ Be the spokesman for the team.
- ❖ Attend Captain's meetings or send a designated representative.
- ❖ Home team Captain, contact the visiting Captain two (2) days prior to the match to -
  - Confirm number of courts playing
  - Confirm directions to your club/facility
  - Discuss any other pertinent information – ie bring water, any known traffic issues, security gate information
- ❖ Print the scorecard with pre-populated lineup (player's names) 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 Captain is responsible for confirming those match entries within 24 hours. (If there is a discrepancy, contact the LA.)
- ❖ Coordinate with team members and opposing Captain for any "reschedule" matches.