

## Spring/Summer Doubles Box Ladder League Rules

All play is doubles. All genders play together. Everyone who signs up is initially seeded and placed into boxes of four players.

### Format

- Three sets will be played as each player will partner with every other player on their court
- Players play a set or one-half hour whichever first occurs. If a set is not completed in the one- half hour time allotted, the set score will stand.
- Points are scored according to games won. For instance, player Serena wins her first set 6-2 so gains 6 points, loses her second set 3-6 so gains 3 points and her last set is 4-3 (time-up) so she gains 4 more points. Her total score then is 13. If she has top score in her box she moves up and if she has lowest score in her box she moves down. Otherwise she stays in her same box. If the score is tied at the end of three sets the lower ranked player at the start of the evening moves up and, conversely, the higher ranked player moves down.
- No ad-scoring will be used. At any deuce, the receiving team will choose who will receive.
- The serve rotation should be maintained between sets so that strong servers do not have an advantage.

### Match Times

- The first round of matches start at 5:30 p.m. (please be on the courts at 5:20 for 10 minute warm-up) and will end promptly at 7:00 p.m. Start times for the boxes will be posted on the [sheet](#).

- Time will be called at the end of a 10 minute warm-up and at the end of each 30 minute set. Players play a set or one-half hour whichever occurs first.
- If you complete your set before time you may commence next set. It is important though each set ends when time is called for that set.
- The second round of matches start their warm-up at 7:05 p.m. (10 minutes) and matches commence at at 7:15 p.m and promptly end at 8:45 p.m.
- It is important that games start and finish at the same time.
- Each court designates a time keeper who co-ordinates and signals the start and end time of the matches with the other courts.  
Enter your scores ASAP [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Jt0OE\\_HfldCVKKIZBoIIGn9NUwtETmilW5FH5OEPTEA/edit#gid=1375028166](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Jt0OE_HfldCVKKIZBoIIGn9NUwtETmilW5FH5OEPTEA/edit#gid=1375028166) Bookmark this link and use it to find out who you are playing each week, what time your games are and to enter your scores. Match start times and players will change each week. If league is cancelled due to weather the scheduled matches will be played the following league night.

### Absences

- Enter into the spreadsheet on the [doubles availability](#) any anticipated absences for the coming Monday no later than Saturday 6 pm.
- If life throws you a curve ball after the Saturday 6 pm deadline and you are unable to play Monday, DO NOT contact Simon. Find your own replacement. Registrants not scheduled to play is a good start. If you are unsuccessful in finding a spare contact the other players in your scheduled match.

- No shows who have either not noted their absence by the deadline or who have not found a spare will be put on the bottom of the registration list and lose their guaranteed placement in the boxes\*. 2nd “offence” and you will be removed from the registration list.
- Weather ~ email all players in your box to address whether or not you will play if weather conditions are iffy.

\*Simon constructs the boxes by looking at the registration list. The first 32 registrants have priority placement. But as people are often away or injured, registrants after #32 are slotted into the boxes in the order they appear on the list. In theory this works very well. For instance, even though there were 51 registrants, most weeks everyone who wanted to play got to play. Also you don't have to find a spare as long as you note your absence in the registration tab in time. However, for things to run smoothly and not waste volunteer time/energy, everyone has to do their part. No shows will be put on the bottom of the registration list and lose their guaranteed placement in the boxes.