

2020 Preseason meeting minutes – October 29, 2019

In attendance, representatives from: Tall Grass, Ashbury, Naper Carriage Hill, Saybrook, Cress Creek CC, White Eagle Homeowners, Huntington Estates, Huntington Commons/NTG, Oakhurst, and Cress Creek Commons.

The following clubs were not represented: Stillwater, Brookdale, Maplebrook II, and Breckenridge.

2020 Schedule

- Agreed to **8** weeks of regular season play - **start Friday, June 5 and run through July 31 (no play on July 3)**
- Agreed to no playoffs/championships.

Divisions

- League will continue with the same four Divisions in 2020: A, B1, B2 & C.
- **CLARIFICATION:** The B1 and B2 divisions are SEPARATE divisions – players cannot move between them.
- If a team won above 75% or below 25% of their 2019 matches and the vast majority of the same players will be playing in 2020, they should move up/down a division.
 - League coordinators will talk with individual clubs as the teams sign-up with an eye to balance the number of teams in each division to avoid BYE weeks.

Player Eligibility

- With the mission of “neighborhood club tennis” all players on a team must be a **paying member** of the club they are representing **AND 75% of the players in the line-up for each match** (6 out of 8 players) must reside within School District 203 or 204 attendance area.

For clarification:

- A non-member player who pays to take private lessons from a Pro at a club is not considered to be a “member” of that club and is therefore ineligible.
 - Tennis staff members are not allowed to play in the league unless they are also a regular paying member of the club they represent.
- **The league agreed that all clubs will submit Team Rosters for the 2020 season.**
 - Players must be assigned to a specific team. Rosters to be submitted to Dali by May 15.
 - Players can be added to the roster throughout the summer as they sign-up or join a club.
 - Pros should be mindful of the general level of play within each division when assigning players to a team. Players should not be significantly above or below the typical level of play/rating within the division they’re assigned.
 - If a player is ‘subbing up’ to a higher team, the expectation is their skill level would put them on court 3 or 4 at the most. If the player subbing up has the ability to compete on courts 1 or 2 of the higher-rated team, they should be rostered to that team for the entire season.

CLARIFICATION: Players CANNOT sub-down to a team lower than the one they are rostered to.

Line-ups/Defaults

- Given the large number of courts defaulted during the 2019 season, a motion was made to reduce the number of courts to three (vs. four.) This motion was not carried. However, the number of defaulted courts will be tracked during 2020.
- The league requests all clubs ensure they have enough players on each team to field four courts each week.
- Given many players have to coordinate child care or take off work to play matches, the league expects clubs to reach out to the opposing team as soon as possible IF they anticipate a problem fielding 4 courts.

- All Clubs are required to confirm their line-up **by noon on Thursday each week.**

Rain-outs

- The new rule regarding indoor play continues. If it's raining on Friday morning, the HOME Team decides whether the match is playable or not.
 - IF the Home Team has access to indoor courts the match may move indoors IF both clubs agree and the match can be played the same day.
 - Fees for indoor court rental are to be split between both the Home and Away club.
 - Any make-up matches played after Friday, must be played outside.
- REMINDER of the Rule governing timing of make-up matches:
 - IF a match is cancelled due to inclement weather, **the match must be rescheduled and PLAYED within TWO weeks** OR it is declared a rain-out and both teams will receive a 0 score.
 - A rain-out is not a default, so it will not count against either team's standings – it is as if the match never happened. **However, the league encourages ALL teams to try and make-up the match.**
 - REMINDER: **all four courts do NOT need to play the make-up at the same time OR at the same site.**
 - AND, if BOTH teams agree they can elect to make-up only 1, 2, or 3 courts playing in that match and score the match accordingly.

Scores

- The HOME Team should send a photo of the whole score sheet including player line-up (first name/last name) and individual match results as well as overall score **via TEXT to Dali immediately after the match on Friday.**
- Dali will notify clubs on how the website will include team rosters and detailed match results by next May.

League Fee

- Each Team needs to pay a \$50 fee to the league and teams will not be registered until the check is received.
 - Send check for each team by **Friday, May 1** to Bill Dahm at 709 Keene, Oswego, IL 60543.

Team Registration & Schedule

- Clubs must register their teams by emailing Bill (Billdahm@aol.com) and Dali Mihajlovic (coachdali@gmail.com) by **Friday, MAY 1**. They need to provide:
 - The number of teams they will be fielding by level (A, B1, B2 or C.)
 - How many courts they have available each Friday from 8 AM – Noon and the location of those courts.
 - The name of the contact person for each team.
- **On May 1st, Dali will start to create the schedule so late team registrations will not be accepted.**
 - Dali plans to send out the match schedule by May 15 to allow clubs to finalize their courts and players to make sitter/work arrangements.