

# Saturday Roxbury / North Fork Doubles Tennis Rules

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**Coordinator** - Will contact all players by email<sup>1</sup> to determine who is available to play each Saturday at 9 AM<sup>2</sup> and will schedule matches based on the playing ability list.

**Judges** - There will be two Judges who will help maintain the integrity of the player ability list. The list will order players based on playing ability. The Judges will function as overseers and will in no way be burdened or expected to contact players. From time to time someone may be asked to coordinate play any given week should the Coordinator not be available.

**Player List** - Players who wish to play will be placed on a playing list ranked confidentially based on playing ability. This list may be changed on a weekly basis but any changes must be done prior to Wednesday midnight preceding the Saturday match. Changes in the ranking list require majority approval of the two Judges and the Coordinator except when changes are made after a win or a loss. A player may be removed from the list should he miss six consecutive matches without good cause.

**Play** - Players wishing to play should sign up before noon Thursday. The playing schedule will be distributed by email before noon on the Friday preceding play the next day. Available players #1 and #4 will play against available players #2 and #3 on even dates.<sup>3</sup> Available players #1 and #3 will play against players #2 and #4 on odd dates.<sup>4</sup> Play will consist of two sets. A ten point tie breaker will be played when the set score is one to one. (This is identical to the USTA and Johnstown Open format.)

**New Balls** - There will be no fees to play at Roxbury with this group of tennis friends unless imposed on us by the City of Johnstown whereupon we will decide whether or not to disband. Each player is expected to bring and open a new can of heavy duty tennis balls (Wilson or Penn) every four times they play.

**Scoring** - Player statistics will be maintained by "points" in the following manner:

#1 court winner = 7 points

#2 court winner = 4 points

#3 court winner = 3 points

Each additional court winner = 1 point

Forfeits will occur when a player agrees to play, is scheduled to play, and then does not show.

The Coordinator will contact players each week by email. All players (in multiple of fours) will be scheduled to play if they are available to play and appropriately respond to the Coordinator's email. On occasion singles play will be scheduled with the players consent.

<sup>1</sup> Players without email addresses must find someone with an email that will act as their proxy.

<sup>2</sup> Starting time may vary - see email each week.

<sup>3</sup> Second court would be players #5 and #8 against players #6 and #7 and so on.

<sup>4</sup> Second court would be players #5 and #7 against players #6 and #8 and so on.

## **ADDENDUM for Indoor Play at North Fork**

You do not need to be a North Fork Tennis member to play in our Saturday group.

Current fees (2018 - 2019 season) to play 2 hours: Members \$13, Non Members \$18

Scheduled indoor court time is Saturday from 9AM to 11AM.

Players may sign up to play weeks in advance, but may not cancel after Thursday noon prior to the Saturday of scheduled play.

Once 12 players have signed up for any given Saturday, additional players will be placed on a waiting list.

Any player that signs up to play on a specific date and is confirmed as a player to play on that Saturday and does not show up ready to play will owe North Fork for two hours of play and will be prohibited from playing for an additional two Saturdays for the first offense, four Saturdays for the second offense. A third offense will lead to the removal of the player from the player list..

- The only exceptions to the above rule:**  
**(1) Serious, unexpected emergencies.**  
**(2) A substitute player is found to play.**

When not enough players sign up to allow for a balanced doubles match, the Coordinator will be expected to attempt to enlist additional players to play. Failing to enlist additional players, the Coordinator will try to schedule similarly skilled players rather than relying on the order in which a player signs up to play. A club member may, from time to time, be given priority over a non-member.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION USED TO MODIFY THE PLAYER SKILLS LIST:**

After each Saturday match (starting with the lowest skill level court):

First Mathematical Operation

- (1) The losing player moves down a notch (trades position with the player below him).

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Second Mathematical Operation

- (2) The winning player moves up a notch (trades position with the player above him).

[When a win or loss occurs with sequential players at the beginning of a mathematical operation (e.g. 3&4, 6&7, 10&11) they will be moved as a single unit. See example Weeks #2 & #3 below.

**EXAMPLE  
CURRENT ORDER**

A  
B  
C  
D  
E  
F  
G

**WEEK 1      C    LOSES**

A  
B  
D  
C  
E  
F  
G

**Standings after Week 1**

**D    WINS**

A  
D  
B  
C  
E  
F  
G

**WEEK 2      A & C    LOSE**

D  
A  
B  
E  
C  
F  
G

**Standings after Week 2**

**B & E    WIN**

D  
B  
E  
A  
C  
F  
G

**WEEK 3      D & C    LOSE**

B  
D  
E  
A  
F  
C  
G

**Standings after Week 3**

**A & E    WIN**

B  
E  
A  
D  
C  
F  
G

When a player signs up to play and does not come and play, only the defaulting player (not his “innocent” partner) will be moved down in the skills list.

Players who sign up and frequently play on Saturdays will be given preference when the number of players signing up to play is **not** a multiple of four. Higher ranked players (year round) and North Fork members (indoor season only) may be given preference.