



**Inland Athletic Association (I.A.A.)
2005
Doubles League General Information & Rules**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Matches are played on Sundays from **5:00 - 7:00 PM** at Match Point Tennis & Fitness in Griffith, In.

Please arrive by 4:45 PM to allow adequate time to sign & prepare for your match.

Court fees of **\$11.00** per player (payable to Match Point) must be paid prior to match play each Sunday. **Please bring exact change if possible. Note:** In order to help keep its members out-of-pocket costs down the IAA is once again subsidizing court costs by paying Match Point a league guest fee.

Also, for the 8th year now the IAA is providing tennis balls for all matches. They will be available at the front desk prior to match play.

This year **Division I** has 7 teams. They will play on **courts 1 - 3** each week. The **BYE week team** will be offered **Court #5 for a team practice**. The team captain must contact Ed Sarwacinski by Tuesday 12PM to either confirm or deny reservation of the court otherwise it may be reserved by the league Chairperson for other league play.

Division I will conclude its season with a **single elimination tournament**.

Awards will be presented to eligible team members for the Division I regular season 1st & 2nd place teams & Tournament Champions.

Division II (typically played on court #4 each week) consists of both a **Men's** and a **Mixed Doubles** Division. Division II consists of a pool of players scheduled to play on a weekly basis by the League Chairperson (Ed Sarwacinski).

Awards will be presented to the top 2 players in both the Division II Men's and the Mixed Doubles leagues at the end of the season.

League results and standings will be posted at Match Point, e-mailed to online league members, and posted on the IAA Web site (WWW.IAA.INLAND.COM) on a weekly basis.

LEAGUE RULES

1. Players MUST sign the IAA sign-up sheet (located at the front desk) and must be registered I.A.A. members prior to match play.
2. The "Rules of Tennis" listed in the USTA publication "Friend At Court" shall be enforced. However, IAA rules specifically stated below will take precedence over those in the USTA publication.
3. A team has THE OPTION of recording the 1st set of a match as a 6-0 forfeit if both members of the opposing team are not present on the court and ready to start the match by 5:10 PM (Club time). If the same holds true at 5:15 PM the match may be recorded as a 6-0 6-0 forfeit victory by the team that is present.
4. Assuming all players are present on a court at 5:00 PM the warm up period should be limited to 10 minutes and the match should start by 5:10 PM.
5. A break of no more than 90 seconds is allowed when changing ends.
6. Time between points and games is not to exceed 25 seconds.
7. 12 point tie breakers are to be played if the game score of a set reaches 6 to 6. The first team to reach 7 or more points and be ahead by 2 points is the winner of the game and set.
8. The winner of a match is first team to win 2 out of 3 sets.
9. **15 MINUTE RULE:** If you are in the 2nd set at 6:45 PM, the game in progress becomes a NO-ADD game as well as all remaining games in that set. If games become tied at 6-6 the tie breaker is also played as a NO-ADD game. Assuming time permits the 3rd set and match winner will be determined by playing a single 12 pt tie-breaker. If time runs out while a game is being played whoever is up in the game wins that game and the team that won the most games during the match is proclaimed the winner.
10. **10 MINUTE RULE:** If you are in the 3rd set at 6:50 PM, excluding being there because of the 15 Minute Rule or while already playing a 12 pt tie breaker, the game in progress becomes a NO-ADD game as well as remaining games in that set. If games become tied at 6-6 the tie breaker is also played as a NO-ADD game. If time runs while a game is being played whoever is up in the game wins that game and the team with the most wins that set wins the set and the match. If the 3rd set score is tied at that time then the team that won the most games during the entire match is proclaimed the winner.

NOTE: The previous 2 rules are necessary because we have a group scheduled to play right after us at 7:00 PM sharp so don't be alarmed if they walk on the court at that time. If everybody gets there early, starts on time, abides by the other rules stated governing time, and just shows common court courtesy we probably won't have to default to these new rules to often.
11. Upon completion of a match the winning team is responsible for recording the match results on the IAA score sheet located at the front desk. If either the 10 or 15 minute rule was applied to a match please note that on the score sheet along with any details so that I can discern and record the final results properly.
12. All disputes must be reported to the league chairperson within 24 hours of the occurrence.

13. If you are scheduled to play and need to cancel, it is ultimately YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to find a substitute player or else you will be penalizing YOUR TEAM not to mention your opponents who have taken the time and paid to come out to play.

Please don't hesitate to pick up the roster and phone other league eligible league members to see if they can fill your spot. Of course you should probably also make sure you've contacted your Team Captain first to assure another team member is not available first.

If after all that you still could not find a substitute please attempt to contact the League Chairperson (Ed Sarwacinski 219-399-6279 or 219-548-9753) or else leave a message with Match Point (219-972-1050).

If you're on a large team or you're not scheduled (by your Team Captain) to play often as you would like, please feel to contact the other Team Captains or league members to let them know you are available to play as a substitute for their teams. This is why I include so much contact info on the roster so that YOU can contact others if need be. Many members are often available, live near Match Point, and could get there on relatively short notice.

14. Standings for all Divisions will be determined in the following order :

- 1) Highest points
- 2) Matches Won/Loss Ratio (overall)
- 3) Set Won/Loss Ratio (overall)
- 4) Matches Won/Loss Ratio (against each other)
- 5) Set Won/Loss Ratio (against each other)
- 6) Game Won/Loss Ratio (overall)
- 7) Game Won/Loss Ratio (against each other)

DIVISION I RULES

1. New players may be added to a team's roster during the first round of play (1st 7 weeks regular season play).
2. Players may be moved or traded amongst teams as long as they have not yet participated in any league match for their own team.
3. Players MUST participate in at least 2 matches for their own team during the regular season in order to be eligible to participate in tournament play and/or receive team awards.
4. If after all members of your team have been offered the opportunity to play in a particular match you are still not able to field a complete team, you are allowed to use 1 substitute league player.
5. All male players (including Division II players and obviously excluding members of the team you are playing) may also be used as substitutes.
6. Since using substitutes is an option, make-up matches will NOT be allowed.
7. Team points are awarded as follows for each scheduled match:
 - 1 point - for having a team available to play
 - 1 point - for winning the match
 - ½ point - for providing a "natural" team (i.e. both players are on the team's roster)

DIVISION II RULES

1. Player points are awarded as follows for each scheduled match:
 - 1 point - for showing up to play
 - 1 point - for winning the match
2. Matches played with substitute players are subject to the Tennis Chairperson's approval.

Thanks for participating and have fun out there!

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