



**Inland Athletic Association (I.A.A.)  
2006  
Doubles League General Information & Rules**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Matches are now played on Sundays from **6:00 - 8:00 PM** at Match Point Tennis & Fitness in Griffith, In.

Please arrive by 5:45 PM to allow adequate time to sign & prepare for your match.

**DO NOT submit any payment directly to Match Point for your court fee.** Court fees of \$12.50 per player are being pre-paid by your Division I team captain or Ed Sarwacinski for Division II players and being pre-paid to Match Point (by Ed Sarwacinski) in a lump sum (\$200 for 16 players) prior to match play each Sunday per Match Point's request. Your team captains (or Ed Sarwacinski for Division II players) will setup a payment plan and cancellation policy with each of you individually.

**Note:** We should be receiving (pending budget approval) a court fee subsidy which will then be divided equally among all of the individuals who participated during the season. Last year it worked out to be about \$1 per player per match and was submitted directly to Match Point (in the form of a \$280 guest fee check) keeping your cost at \$11 per play. No guarantee that your actual out of pocket cost will be the same this year just plan on the \$12.50 per play until told otherwise. I'll do my best to keep everyone posted.

Also (pending budget approval) the IAA will be providing tennis balls for all matches once again. Since Match Point will not hand them out for us this year I'll be working on the logistics of getting them on the front desk counter for you each Sunday. Again, I'll keep you posted on related policy changes.

This year **Division I** has 6 teams. They will play on **courts 6 - 8** each week.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams & Tournament Champions.

**Division II** (played on **court #5** 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](http://WWW.IAA.INLAND.COM)) on a weekly basis.

## LEAGUE RULES

1. Players MUST sign 2 forms (the IAA sign-up / waiver / results sheet and **Match Point's new waiver form**) located at the front desk (and 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 **6:10 PM** (Club time). If the same holds true at **6:15 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 6:00 PM the warm up period should be limited to 10 minutes and the match should start by 6:10 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> set at 7:45 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 **3<sup>rd</sup> set at 7:50 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.
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 yourself financially and your team's record, not to mention your opponents who have taken the time and paid to come out to play doubles.

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 you're on a large team or you're not scheduled (by your Team Captain) to play often as you would like, please feel free to contact the other Team Captains or league members to let them know you are available to play as a substitute for their teams. Alternately, you can request to be traded to another team within the guidelines mentioned earlier. 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 anytime **BEFORE 01/08/06** when we start the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 rounds of play.
2. Players may be moved or traded amongst teams anytime during the season as long (with the Chairperson's approval) as they have not yet participated in 2 or more league matches for a particular 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. Make-up matches are **NOT** allowed.
7. Be sure to review your team's cancellation policy with your captain because after my 12PM on Friday court cancellation deadline the courts are considered paid for by each team and no cancellations or court fee refunds will be allowed.
8. 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. If you agree to play a match for any given Sunday and then need to cancel (after my 12PM Friday cancellation deadline), your account balance will be charged \$12.50 irregardless of whether or not you show up to play unless you locate an eligible (i.e. on the roster and adequate money in their account) sub and they notify (call) me personally acknowledging that they will assume the financial obligation to the court.
3. Any time you need you need to cancel after having already agreed to play, it is your responsibility to locate an eligible sub. I will try to include a substitute player status each week I send out the Court 4 court schedule confirmation so that you have an idea of who to call.
4. If you've exhausted all of your substitute player options and you call me BEFORE FRIDAY AT 12PM to cancel, I will then cancel the court reservation with Match Point and notify the other scheduled players. Under these circumstances only, will none of the previously scheduled court 5 players be obligated to pay the \$12.50 court fee.

Thanks for participating and have fun out there!

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