

2020 - 2021 Guidelines for CPTC Matches

Pre-Match Logistics

Communication: Each HOME TEAM CAPTAIN is responsible for calling and talking IN PERSON to the opposing team captain, well before the scheduled match, to confirm starting times for their Series match and go over any Local Protocols that may exist.

Cancellations: Both captains will determine whether the conditions are playable. This decision should be made by 4 PM ON THE DAY OF THE MATCH. The home team captain will report a postponement to his League Commissioner and the match will be made up on the following Monday. If that is not possible, the match must be made up within 2 weeks, otherwise the match will be recorded as NOT PLAYED and neither team will be awarded any points.

Play as Scheduled: All courts for each match must be played on the night scheduled.

Subbing Up: If a team does not have 8 rostered players available to play a given match, then a Club player from any Series below may play up as a substitute for that match. **If a club has 2 teams in the same Series, they MAY NOT SUB ACROSS TEAMS.** They must sub from a team below.

Forfeits: If a captain cannot find enough players to fill his line-up, then he will notify the opposing captain by 4:00pm on the day of the match and the first court forfeited will be Court 4, then 3, then 2.

Lineups: The captains should exchange and review each other's lineups (first and last names) by court prior to the match. If there are any questions regarding placement of certain players it should be resolved before the matches begin. Teams may NOT "stack" their line-up. Essentially, the two players you play on court #1 should be able to beat the pair you play on court #2 most of the time and so on down the lineup.

Playing the Match

Start Time: With a 4 court facility, the first match will begin at 6:30 PM on all 4 courts with the following match beginning at 8PM on all 4 courts. If it is a 6-court facility, the match will be split on the 2 extra courts with courts 3 and 4 starting and courts 1 and 2 following.

Defaults: A 30-minute grace period is to be extended for late arrivals. It is not mandatory that a match should be forfeited should a player arrive late. That call is in the hands of the Captain of the team awaiting the late opposing player. Every effort should be made by the captains to accommodate individual's needs to be sure all courts are played.

Warm –Ups: Arrive early and please limit your warm-up to **10 minutes**. It is suggested that all four players practice serves before the match.

Foot faults: It is everybody's responsibility to enforce the foot fault rules. Please remind your opponents to comply with the rules.

Scoring: Points shall determine overall winners -- for a match as well as for the total season. Points will be awarded in the amount of 1 point for each set won and 1 point for each match won.

Interruption of Play: In case of inclement weather, both Captains determine whether conditions warrant either a temporary or permanent halt to a match. Scores of each court should be recorded at the time the matches are stopped. The matches should be resumed from that point. This also applies to the occasional end of play due to the lights being turned off according to zoning requirements.

Sportsmanship: Behavior during a match should conform to the APTA” Etiquette of Platform Tennis “, as well as the “Note on Sportsmanship and Etiquette” at the beginning of the APTA Rules.

Court Damages: A player abusing the court (slamming paddles against the screen in anger etc.) is to be warned by his partner. If there is a repeat offense the match is to be defaulted. The player shall make an arrangement to reimburse the club whose property has been damaged.

Reporting the Score: THE CAPTAIN OF THE HOME TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE for entering the **FIRST AND LAST NAMES** of the players on each court for each participating team, the set scores of the matches and the final score of the match on the web site on the day following the match

Player Eligibility:

- (1) To be eligible to play in a match, a player must be rostered on the website on that team or a lower team in that club. If a player is not rostered in this way when they play, that court will be forfeited.
- (2) No one may play down on a lower team in his club.
- (3) A player may play up (on a higher Series team in his club) 6 times during the season. If a player plays up a 7th time, he will automatically be rostered on the higher team (the higher team for whom he played the most matches) for the balance of the regular season and the playoffs. If he then plays up 7 more times, he will again be re-rostered. **NOTE:** Once a player plays up his first 7 times and is moved up, the times he played up on the team to which he has been moved (and any teams below that) will be deleted from his Play-Up record on the website. BUT, any matches where he played up on a team HIGHER than the one to which he was moved will REMAIN on his Play-Up record and will count towards his second 7-times-up quota.

(4) Players may play only one match per night – NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!

- (5) A player can play for two different clubs, however, if he is rostered on a Series 1,2,3,4,5 or 6 team in one club, he can only play down **ONE** Series for the other club, or, if he is rostered in Series 7 through 32 in one club, he can play down either **ONE or TWO** Series for the other club.
- (6) Pros, Assistant Pros and Nationally Ranked Players are encouraged to only play at Series 1. **Any Pro, Assistant Pro or Nationally Ranked Player who wants to play any matches below Series 1 level must submit a written request to the League’s Competition Committee through John Noble at: jyn1968@comcast.net**
- (7) Sons of members aged 21 and under are permitted to participate in league matches.

PLAYOFFS:

ALL REGULAR SEASON MATCH RESULTS MUST BE REPORTED BY MIDNIGHT, THURSDAY, March 4th, 2021. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

To be eligible for the PLAYOFFS, a player must have played a MINIMUM of 6 MATCHES in his club at any level.

A PLAYER MAY PLAY FOR ONLY ONE (1) CLUB DURING THE PLAYOFFS. Any captain who has a player(s) on his team who is also playing on a team at another club should have that player(s) declare, AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON, which club he is going to play for during the Playoffs. These captains should then notify their Club Reps and Pros so that everybody in that program knows the situation and can prepare for the exodus of players come Playoff time.

The 8 leading teams in each Series will play off on the week following the end of the regular season. (1 vs. 8; 2 vs. 7; etc.) **Playoff quarterfinals will be on Tue, Wed, & Thur. March 9 - 11, 2021.** The 4 winners will play the **semi-finals on Monday, March 15, 2021.** **The finals will be held BEGINNING AT 6:30 PM SHARP on Wednesday, March 17, 2021. PARTY TO FOLLOW AT GLEN VIEW CLUB!!!**

DUES:

Once the final league schedules are emailed, Justin Stanley will email the dues statement to each of the respective Club Reps. **Please mail your checks by October 31st to: Justin Stanley, 362 S Berkshire Drive, Lake Forest, IL 60045.** The dues this year will be \$1,000 per team.