Sacramento Area Tennis Association

League Guidelines – Spring 2020

Team Registration Opens 1/11 - Friday
Team Registration Closes 1/27 - Sunday
Player Registration begins 1/31 - Thursday
Schedules will be online 2/9 - Saturday
Spring 2019 League begins – 2/23 - Saturday
Last day to complete matches – 5/31 - Friday

NOTE: New information is in red.

1. **LEAGUES OFFERED**
   There are over 40 leagues offered this season. Please refer to ***SATA Leagues Offered – Fall 2019*** for league descriptions located at http://www.sactennis.org.

2. **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
   a. All teams submitted must be represented by a club that is a current paid member of SATA. If your club has not paid its annual membership dues, your team will be asked to pay the annual dues prior to your team playing.
   b. Deadlines
   - Emails regarding court restrictions and court permits are to be emailed to sata.courtpermits@gmail.com no later than **Monday, January 28th**. **Requests for byes must be listed in the email and/or court permit**.
   - Teams must register by **Sunday, January 27th.**
   - No teams will be allowed to register once the scheduling process has begun.

   c. Fees and refunds
   - Captains register their teams at no cost (for singles leagues and single line doubles leagues the Captain must pay to register as a player on the team). Captains should make sure they have sufficient players before the end of the team registration deadline, which is the also the deadline to withdraw teams.
   - Player registration fee is $10.00 for each team a player joins (with the captain's permission).
   - Registration fees are paid via online registration using MasterCard or VISA.
   - Registration and payment of the $10.00 fee does not guarantee playing time.
   - Players will not be refunded if they do not play during the season or if they sign up for a team that withdraws after matches have been scheduled.
   - Registering for the wrong team is not subject to refund but can be corrected by the league coordinator.
   - Refunds are only permitted in limited circumstances, such as incorrect credit card charge or SATA withdraws the league or a team, and are handled by the league coordinator.

   d. Courts
   - Court Usage Permit forms must be completed and properly signed authorizing the use of the club's courts
   - Depending on the league submitted, the minimum number of courts is between 1 and 6. All courts must be reserved for match times and be in good playable

condition. It is acceptable to have courts at different locations as long as they are within the same park district.

- Facilities: Home teams must provide restroom facilities and will contact visiting captains if refreshments will NOT be served.
- Reservations: All teams must reserve courts for home matches on the appropriate playing day. Any court restrictions varying from the submitted Court Usage Permit must be brought to the Coordinators' attention immediately.

e. Roster
- Players can add to the roster any time after player registration opens until the end of the season.
- Players will be using the ratings that are currently listed on TopDog.

f. Over-rated Players
- An *Over-Rated Player* is someone whose rating is above the league level of play.

g. Forms (located on the website under *Adult Leagues*
- **SATA Leagues Offered – Spring 2020**
- Online Team Registration
- Online Player Registration
- SATA Rules for Adult Leagues

3. **PRE-SEASON PROCESS**

a. When team captains register their teams online, an email is automatically sent to the captain confirming the registration.
b. It is imperative that captains verify phone numbers and email addresses of their players.
c. Captain should notify their players of the need to have an email address and login for player registration.

4. **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY AND TEAM MAKEUP**

a. Ineligible Players
- Junior players who will not have reached their 18th birthday by the day of the match to be played are not eligible to play.
- Players with a USTA rating of 5.0 of higher and whose primary profession is as a tennis instructor are not eligible to play in SATA leagues.
- Players must be 50 years of age the same year of competition to play in the 50+ leagues.
- Players must be 60 years of age the same year of competition to play in the 60+ leagues.

b. Ratings
- Player ratings must meet the league requirements.
- All ratings are viewable through the TopDog Tennis.To view:
  1. Go to the SATA website: *www.sactennis.org*
  2. Click on *TopDog Tennis*.
  3. At the top of this page, click on *Search*
  4. To search for an individual player, click on search and enter the player's name. Then, click on the player's name to see his/her rating.

c. All non-rated players must self-rate by completing and submitting the online Self Rate Form. The form is located on the website www.sactennis.org, then click on TopDog Tennis. The Self-Rate Form is under the *News* section.

5. **LEAGUE PLAY**
   Interclub begins on Saturday, February 23rd. When scheduling, coordinators will attempt to give all teams a minimum of 6 matches. Coordinators have the authority to schedule playoffs and finals.

6. **TEAM FORMATION**
   a. The document "**SATA Leagues Offered – Spring 2020**" outlines the requirements for the teams in each league and is located in the *Adult Leagues* section on SATA's website.
   b. The Coordinators have the authority to move players and/or full teams into a different level league, if required, to balance leagues.
   c. Matches: Whenever possible, half of the team matches will be scheduled at home except for designated traveling teams. Designated traveling teams are those teams who are located outside SATA's boundaries. Evening teams without lights on their courts or teams that do not have home courts may request to be traveling teams but can only be accommodated if opposing clubs agree to have extra home matches.

7. **COORDINATOR INFORMATION**

Self Rate Info Men's Sunday Regular Women's Regular Mixed Doubles Men's Singles Women's Singles	Chris Modin	916-933-0175 cmodin@pacbell.net
Women's Evening Doubles Women's Evening Rotating Doubles Mixed Evening Doubles Women's Weekend Single Line Doubles Men's Evening Men's Saturday 50+ Doubles Men's Evening Singles	Cheryl Osborn	916-971-1772 cheryl@osbornstrategies.com
Women's Weekday Doubles Women's 50+ Doubles Women's 60+ Doubles Women's Daytime Single Line Doubles Women's Weekday Rotating Doubles	Cecelia Zimmerling	916-467-7994 ceceliazimmerling@att.net