



2020 Lakewood Park Singles League Rules

Scoring

Matches are best of 3 sets. If you split sets, play a “super tie-breaker”. A “super tiebreaker” is played with normal tiebreaker rules except that it is first to reach 10 points instead of 7 points. If both parties agree, other scoring formats may be used.

Scheduling Matches

The procedure for scheduling matches involves two steps. **Step One:** Call the Lakewood Park Tennis Center to reserve the available courts using the **NEW! 3-day advance reservation policy**. *Example: If you would like to play a match on June 12th, the earliest you can call is June 9th to reserve your 2-hours of court time.* Matches can be played during any business hours. Remind staff that you are playing a singles match and give names of both players. **Step Two:** Contact opponents for the reserved court times. Please try to accept all match requests as best as possible. The spirit of the league is to play lots of different opponents within your division. There is a 4-hour cancellation policy for court fees. Be prepared to be flexible in your scheduling, as there will surely be competition to get popular court times. *Matches are against players in your designated pod only.

5 Match Minimum for Players

The league minimum to qualify for the playoffs is five matches. Up to two matches may be played against each opponent.

Court Fees

The court fees for your first five matches will be covered by the \$40 registration fee. Please check in at the front desk before the match and tell the desk you are playing a singles league match so you will not be charged for the court. Your first 5 matches will be tracked. Any additional matches over 5 will encounter regular court fees for your half of the court.

Extra Matches

You are encouraged to play more than five matches in this league. If you play an extra match in the league, you may choose to “throw out” one of your losses towards making the playoffs. **Example:** If you play a total of eight matches; you may “throw out” 3 match results and then take your best 5 results to try to qualify for the playoffs. You may play as many matches as you like – court fees apply after your first 5 matches.

Tennis Balls

NEW! Both opponents are required to bring their own can of balls to play with during the match. Each player should mark their 3 balls with a marker and use their own balls for serving.

Standings

Points Received:

- 0 points for a straight set loss
- 1 points for a split set loss
- 2 points for a win
- 3 points for a win versus a “**quality opponent**” (a **quality opponent is not someone in a different Pod**)
 - A “quality opponent” is defined as a player who finishes the league with a .500 winning percentage or better. You will receive 2 points at the time of your win and the 3rd bonus point at the end of the league for each win versus a “good opponent”. **Your final point total will be the total of your best five matches.**

Reporting Scores

The winner is responsible for recording the score in the league binder in the Tennis Hut. **Sorry, we cannot accept phone or emailed results.**

Playoffs

Top 4 of each Pod qualify for playoffs! Free entry and Free T-Shirt included! Remember, your final score is determined by your **BEST 5 RESULTS**. So play as many matches as possible to achieve your highest score!

Spring & Summer Playoffs: Friday matches will be played in the evening. Weekend matches will be played in the afternoon and evening. **Fall Playoffs:** Friday matches will be played in the evening. Weekend matches will be played in the afternoon.

Remember!

*Remember to tell the desk monitor that you are playing a Singles League match, so you are not charged for court time.

*All players must digitally complete and sign the LPTC Phase 1 guidelines waiver. <https://forms.gle/pxvAJPm86TTEUS2D9>

*Matches must be played in your designated pod only. You may sign-up for multiple pods for an additional \$40.

Have Fun! - Enjoy the spirit of competition in the LPTC Singles League!!