

## GPTA Summer Tennis League 2010

**The following rules and timelines should be followed by all players who register for the Men and Women's Summer League that is organized by the Greater Pottstown Tennis Association.**

### **TIMING (weeks of)**

- Start date 5/17 (for Men's Singles) 6/14 (for Women's Leagues & Men's Doubles)
- Qtr finals week of 8/30 (top 4 in each of A & B divisions)
- Semi finals week of 9/6
- Finals to be completed by Friday 9/17
- GPTA Party – Friday, 9/17 at Brookside CC

### **RULES**

The GPTA has chosen to follow the 2010 USTA League Regulations for play. These rules can be referenced via the USTA website: [www.usta.com](http://www.usta.com).

### **MATCH CONTACT**

The league is designed to afford tennis players the opportunity and the flexibility to schedule matches and locations at their convenience.

- **Unable to Play When Scheduled:** It is up to a player to notify his/her scheduled opponents if he/she is unable to play as scheduled. If that player will be away he/she should ideally reschedule matches **before** leaving.
- **Initiating Match Play Date:** The home player or team is the team that is listed first on the league schedule. The home player/team should call his or her opponent to schedule a mutually agreed upon day, time, and location for the match.
- **No Opponent Contact Response:** If a player contacts their scheduled opponent prior to and during the week the match is scheduled but the opponent does not respond the non responding player forfeits the match. At least 2 phone calls must be made with one being made during the scheduled week. If there are legitimate extenuating circumstances the match can be played later.
- **Emergencies:** If an emergency arises which prohibits a player/team from attending a scheduled match, that player/team is responsible for contacting the opponent to cancel the match. If the player/team is unable to reach the opponent, leave a message with the GPTA. Failure to contact the opponent or the GPTA will result in the match being counted as a forfeit.

### **MATCH PLAY**

- **Ball Supply:** The home team/player is responsible for supplying one can of new balls.

- **Sets per Match:**

**Men's Division Singles** matches will consist of the best two of three sets with a 7 point tie breaker if any set reaches a 6-6 score.

**Doubles** matches will consist of the best two of three sets. If playing 3 sets, then a regular 7 point tie breaker will be used if any of the sets reach a score of 6-6. At the start of the match the two teams will decide if they want to play a full third set or a third set Super Tie Breaker. **Super Tie Breaker (as per USTA rules and regulations):** A coin toss decides which side serves first. Each player serves two points in a row starting from the deuce court. Players change sides after the first point, and then again after every 4th point (1, 5, 9, 13, etc). The first team to reach 10 points, winning by 2 is the winner of the super tiebreaker.

- **Retirement**

A **Retirement** occurs when an individual match has started and a player/doubles team is unable to continue due to injury or emergency and, further, that there is no agreement to continue match play at a later date.

## PLAYOFFS

- **80% Rule (new):** To qualify for **playoffs in singles** each player must have **completed 80%** of their **regular season scheduled matches**. Those players with the **highest accumulated match point totals** qualify for the playoffs

## SCORING

- **Reporting Scores (changed):** **Within 24 hours** of the conclusion of each contest, the **winner** of each match is **responsible** for contacting the GPTA and reporting the scores. Go to **GPTAennis.com** web site, select the **Leagues page**, click the **Post Scores button** (lower third of the page), fill in requested information and **hit submit**. Scores will be updated weekly on the GPTA web site (you are responsible to insure the web site has recorded your scores correctly).

It is **imperative that all necessary information is provided** to ensure correct tabulation of match and cumulative league scores.

- **Match Points**

1 point is awarded for each match that is completed

1 point is awarded for each set won

1 point is awarded for to the winner of each match

- **Forfeit Scoring (changed):** When a match is forfeited the player who is forfeiting gets 0 points. The player to whom the match is forfeited gets 4 points (the same as the normal winner of a match gets).

- **Retirement Scoring:** This scoring is the same as Forfeit Scoring, above, except that the retiring player/doubles team will get one point if they have won a set prior to retiring.

## **LEAGUE DIVISIONS**

- **Men's League- Singles:** Three divisions are recommended with the lowest USTA playing level as indicated: A (4.0), B (3.0), and C (2.5). No more than 12 players per group meaning that if more than 12 players sign up in one division, that division will be divided into two sections (e.g. North and South).
- The **Women's Division** has been contained in a single division due to the number of registrants that the GPTA has historically received. If more than 12 doubles teams register to participate, then two divisions will be scheduled in an A (3.5/4.0) and B (2.5/3.0) playing level.

### **Dispute Resolution**

**Disputes will be reviewed by three GPTA Board of Director's members who are not participating in League Play. Any disputes between players regarding any of the above rules should be made in writing to the GPTA email address: [info@gptatennis.com](mailto:info@gptatennis.com). Decisions regarding any concerns will ideally be issued within one week of receipt of the email notice.**