Federal Employees Tennis Association

2015 Rules of Play

Welcome to another season of FETA tennis!

FIRST ROUND PLAY BEGINS MAY 1, 2015!

Good Luck to all and LET'S ALL HAVE FUN

Rules of Play – **In order to qualify for the tournamen**t at the end of the season a player or team must meet or exceed all of the requirements shown in the table below. Members are NOT required to try to qualify unless they wish to play in the tournament and/or earn a t-shirt.

Group	***Before***	***Play and report scores from matches with different players within your ability group. (SEE NOTES)***
Singles	06/30/15	2
	08/31/15	8
Doubles	06/30/15	1
	08/31/15	5

Notes – If there are not enough players/teams that sign up in any group, supplemental rules will be established by May 15, 2015 that will allow players/teams in the smaller groups to play opponents from other appropriate groups.

Players who qualify for the year-end tournament in any category will be entitled to ONE T-shirt provided by FETA. Players who qualify for the year-end tournament in a second or third category will NOT be entitled to any additional award.
There are NO plans to provide trophies this year.

Singles and doubles regular season play will be from May 1 thru August 31, 2015. The tournament will begin tentatively around Sept. 7, and last for about 4 to 6 weeks.

The finals will be held at a time and place decided by the opponents and with advance notice of the coordinator. The time and place of finals matches will be announced to other FETA members so that they can attend if they so wish.

Scheduling - Each player is responsible for contacting other players to set up matches. The excuse that "No One Called Me" is not acceptable. Remember, as you change phone numbers and email addresses, go on detail, etc., other players cannot reach you. You must take the initiative in calling others to set up matches. Please be considerate and call your opponent as soon as possible if you cannot make it to a scheduled match.

Location and Times - You may play at any time or place that you and your opponent agree upon. If you cannot agree on a location, Morse Park at 20th and Carr has been designated as our official site to hold matches.

Reporting Scores - Both players (winner and loser) are required to report the results of the match to the group coordinator within 24 hours after the match has been played.

Tennis Balls - Balls should be high altitude. Each player must bring usable balls to the match.

Matches - A match will consist of the best two of three sets with the 7-Point tie-break (to be used when a set becomes tied at 6 games all). If for any reason the match cannot be completed (time, weather, etc.) the players may elect to decide the match by playing a10-Point tie-break in lieu of the third set.

Rules of Tennis - FETA has adopted the International Tennis Federation (ITF)/United States Tennis Association (USTA) Rules of Tennis and Code of Tennis adapted for FETA use. Please see http://www.fetatennis.org for more information.

Miscellaneous – FETA ability levels are based on the NTRP (National Tennis Rating Program) system. Please check http://www.fetatennis.org for information on this system. If you find yourself in the wrong ability group, please notify your coordinator and we will move you to a group better suited to your skills so that everyone can enjoy their tennis as much as possible; if necessary. FETA organizers will make roster changes to ensure this.

Organizer - The FETA Organizer reserves the right to remove the name of any player from the roster at any time for any reason.
All Rulings by the FETA organizer on any FETA matter are final.

The 7-Point Tie-Break - The winner of the tie-break is the first person/team to score at least 7 points and lead by at least two. The play is as follows:

The player/team who would normally serve next (player/team A) serves the first point from the right court. Then player/team B serves points 2 & 3 from the left and then right courts. A serves points 4 & 5, left and right. B serves point 6 from left court. Then the players/teams change ends of the court. B serves point 7 from right, A serves 8 & 9 from left and right, B serves 10 & 11 from left and right, then A serves point 12. Then the players/teams change ends of the court and play continues as above. At any time when one player/team has scored at least 7 points and leads by at least 2, that player wins the tie-break game and wins that set by a score of 7-6. Player/team B (i.e., the one who did not start serving the tie-break) serves the first game of the next set. After every six points, the players/teams switch ends of the court. At the end of the tiebreak, the players/teams switch ends of the court again, since the set score is always odd.

The 10-Point Tie-Break is played the same way except that the winner of the third set is the first player/team to win 10 points with a margin of 2 points.

LAKEWOOD TENNIS ASSOCIATION
COURTS RESERVED

Lakewood Tennis Association (LTA) has a long standing arrangement with the city of Lakewood that allows them to reserve courts at Lakewood Park and Morse Park on certain days for certain hours. In return, LTA assists the city with maintaining the courts, installs windscreens, and voluntarily administrates the Lakewood on Parade Tennis Tournament every Labor Day weekend. Other organizations, such as schools, also reserve courts from time to time. Reserved courts and times may be identified on posted notices at Lakewood Park and Morse Park. In addition, some courts are reserved by the City at other times for tennis lessons.

Organizations and individuals, with permits, can require FETA or public players to leave reserved courts at the reserved times. To avoid having to stop play in the middle of a match and move or reschedule, take time to read signs posted at the courts and act accordingly. **Court reservations are not always posted but are still in force.**

Volunteers of FETA, LTA and the city of Lakewood fully support cooperative use of the courts and do not endorse any form of discourtesy by any party when reserved courts are in question. All FETA and LTA members are requested to observe the rules and to be courteous and reasonable at all times on the courts.

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PLAYER _____

Date	Opponent	Location/Time	Score	Who Won