

NSWWPTL General Procedures: 2018-2019 Season

- Match Times are 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm Saturdays.**
Courts are reserved from 1-4, so we ask that the first matches **FIRST SERVE occurs NO LATER THAN 1:15.** Please respect the time of the other 15 Very Busy Ladies, and Be On Time!
- Score Reporting: The captain may designate a person for each match to report scores and names of all players back to the captain. The captain must provide a completed score sheet to the Score Keeper by Monday.
- Weather Cancellations:** All matches will be played regardless of weather unless injury-threatening conditions exist. The captains will jointly decide by 12:00 noon on the match day if the weather prohibits safe play. The captains will notify all players on their team. If you are uncertain about the conditions or cannot be reached, please contact your captain.
- Weather or Court Availability Impacts: In the unlikely event that a match has to be stopped due to weather or court availability, the opposing captains will mutually agree to choose to either make up the match within two weeks or split the points. If the choice is to split the points, each team will receive a total of 1.5 points regardless of where they were in the match. This is meant as a last resort. NOTE: If the first match is running past 2:30, **it should be allowed to complete, UNLESS the third set has not started.** If the third set has not started by 2:30, *the affected players will mutually agree to either make up/continue the match, with the same four players, within two weeks or split the points."*
- Substitutions:** Team members who cannot play a match when scheduled are responsible for finding a substitute. Subs must be ranked to play on the same court that the team member is scheduled to play. First: ALERT your Captain that a sub is needed, she may wish to rearrange the scheduled players. Order of finding subs is as follows: 1) team member scheduled out that day, 2) league member scheduled out but available to play that day 3) league substitute list.
Once you find a sub, provide her with all relevant match details including: team color, partner, location, match time, court level, and captain's name and phone number. Contact your captain and your partner to notify them of the substitution and her contact information. As a courtesy to your sub, you may want to contact her prior to the match date as a friendly reminder.
- No show policy:** No shows are not tolerated. If you have more than one absence from a scheduled match, you may be asked to resign from the league. All no shows will be brought to the attention of the NSWWPTL Board for review.
- Remember we are guests at our host clubs. Please be considerate and leave clean courts and paddle huts. Be sure to honor an parking restrictions.

NSWWPTL Rules: APTA Rules govern all play
http://www.platformtennis.org/american_platform_tennis_association.htm

- ❖ Service Selection and Sides: The choice of sides and the right to serve first, receive first, or have your opponents choose to serve or receive is decided by the toss, which is generally accomplished by spinning the paddle.
- ❖ No Let on Serve Rule: Remember there are no Let Serve calls. If the ball hits the net on serve and falls into the correct service box, it is a playable serve and the receiver must attempt to return it. If the ball hits the net on serve and falls outside of the correct service box, it is a fault and the point is awarded to the receiver.
- ❖ Match Guidelines: The team that wins 2 out of 3 sets wins, with a tiebreaker to decide all sets played to 6 games all.
- ❖ Tie Breaker Example: At 6 games all, players continue to serve in order and from the same side as before. The server of the first point of the tiebreaker will serve only one point to the AD court. Each player will then, in normal service rotation, serve twice, first to the Deuce court, and then to the AD court, changing sides at 1, 5, 9, 13 etc. (Server serves the two points from the same side as in their normal service games.) First team to win 7 points (by 2) wins the set. The set is scored 7-6. The team receiving service for the first point of the tiebreaker shall begin serving the next set from the opposite side from which it received the first point of the tiebreaker.

PLATFORM TENNIS COURTESY REMINDERS

Know the "Rules of Platform Tennis".

If a player must be late or cancel (at the last minute), she should call the clubhouse/paddle hut and her partner.

Be on the court 15 minutes before match time. Warm up for no longer than 15 minutes. Play without delay.

Resolve any disputes off the court or out of earshot of the other matches in progress.

Do not enter or exit the court while points are in progress on other courts.

As a courtesy, do not wear yellow clothing as it makes the paddle ball more difficult for players to see.

Do not bang the racquet against the net, screens or the deck as an expression of self-dissatisfaction.

Be complimentary of good play by both your partner and your opponents.

A "CARRY" is allowable if it is a result of ONE CONTINUOUS MOTION.

Players should not do things strictly to distract the opponents. Any talking or sudden movements made before or while the server begins his/her service motion, which has been deemed to be done solely to distract the server, violates the spirit of sportsmanship.

DEFAULT TIMES are 1:15 and 2:45... please start your matches on time and be courteous to the other 15 ladies that make it on time, and may have other commitments on a busy Saturday afternoon!