

HERITAGE HIGHLANDS TENNIS ASSOCIATION

GUIDELINES FOR ORGANIZED TENNIS

Participation in organized tennis is limited to Association members and guests. The Men's and Women's Organized Tennis Coordinators match players of approximately equal playing ability and assign players to courts at specific times on specific days. Organized Tennis is normally scheduled throughout the year.

Organized Tennis for men is scheduled on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings. Organized Tennis for Women is scheduled on Monday and Wednesday mornings. On Friday mornings, women have two courts per session reserved for self-organized tennis where players organize their own matches and may sign up for a court. Also on Friday, women have two courts per session reserved for social tennis where players may show up at the courts with no sign-ups required. The format for social tennis play is established by the players.

Starting times are designated by the Organized Tennis Coordinators.

Organized play is scheduled in two-hour increments with two (2) sessions scheduled each day. Additional sessions may be scheduled as needed. Play consists of standard sets with a tie break played at the players' discretion. Match results are not officially tabulated.

Matches are scheduled utilizing the following procedures:

Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board, located at the tennis courts, seven (7) days prior to matches.

Sign-up sheets are collected at approximately noon on the day before scheduled matches. A player who cancels before the posted sheet is collected must cross out his/her name and no other player may take that position on the list.

The first 32 players to sign up have priority for match scheduling. The Coordinator will make every effort to schedule four players on each court. The order of sign-up does not guarantee being included in a match. The Organized Tennis Coordinators will have the final say in all matters related to scheduling.

Coordinators will schedule matches with players that have the same USTA rating. If it is not possible to group players with the same ratings, then players with a .5 rating difference will be assigned. Normally, a player will not be matched with players more than a .5 rating level above or below. (For example, a 3.5 rated player could be matched with a 4.0 or a 3.0, but not a 2.5).

Men or Women may be substitutes on the opposite gender's tennis days if there are insufficient players available to complete the schedule.

Match and court assignments are posted on the bulletin board by approximately 6:00 PM the day before scheduled play.

If a player must cancel after the scheduled matches are posted, it is the responsibility of that player to find a comparable substitute. If no substitute can be found, the canceling player must notify the other assigned players that the match is canceled.

Assigned courts that remain vacant 10 minutes after the scheduled starting time will be available for Open Tennis.