



2012 Tournament Guide

**EVANSTON 4th of JULY TENNIS
TOURNAMENT**

IMPORTANT DATES:

ENTRY DEADLINE:	<i>Receipt</i> by Monday, May 21
DRAWS POSTED:	May 25
EARLY ROUNDS of PLAY:	Completed by June 18
SEMIFINALS:	Completed by June 25
FINALS:	Wednesday, July 4

1. ELIGIBILITY. This is an open tournament. However, all participants must be members of ECTA. Joining ECTA is automatic upon submitting a paid entry that includes applicable dues. Further information about the association and the tournament can be found at www.evanstontennis.org. Players may enter up to three events but no more than two doubles events. A full list of the events is on the entry form. A few Rules related to those events are highlighted here.

Pro/Am Doubles. The Pro/Am Doubles event is designed to accommodate the growing presence in the ECTA of very capable players. The event, however, is open to any two member team. For purposes of this Tournament, a “Pro” is anyone who, within the last 5 years, has been on the tour, currently holds a ranking of 4.5 by USTA or has taught tennis professionally at a tennis club (ie., "club pro"). If you are determined by the Tournament Director to be a Pro, you must enter this event. A Pro may also enter up to two other events provided those draws have not been designated as “Community Tennis Events.”

Community Tennis Events. The century doubles (**Light** and **Bold**), 40 and 60 singles and doubles, mixed doubles, women’s doubles and intermediate brackets are designated as Community Tennis Events. In order to promote a more enjoyable and competitive tournament experience for each entrant, Pros will not be allowed entry into community tennis events.

Intermediate Level Events: These events are intended to provide players of moderate ability the opportunity to compete against their peers rather than in the open events. Players with NTRP ratings higher than 3.5 or similar abilities are ineligible. Intermediate events are limited to players at the C level of the Shoreline and Chicago Park District leagues. The definition of a 3.5 player can be found on the USTA web site at www.usta.com/leagues. We do not encourage playing down, it will not be fun for anyone.

Age. Some brackets are age sensitive. Your age in this tournament is determined only by the year of birth (eg. if your birthday is 12/1/1967, you are considered 45, not 44).

2. EMAIL. You must include your e-mail address and those of your partner(s). Email will be the primary form of communication with you on all tournament matters.

3. ON-LINE REGISTRATION: *All registrations will be made on-line.* (Call a Tournament Director if this is a problem). You can register directly at: <http://www.evanstontennis.org/> Each entrant must submit a completed official Entry Form. Doubles partners must each submit a completed form with entry fee.

4. ENTRY FEES: Entry Fee is \$45 for each adult (age 18 and over) which includes a \$30 tournament fee and \$15 for your 2012 ECTA membership. If your 2012 dues have previously been paid, send an email advice of the same to ECTA Treasurer at charlesfriedl@aol.com., and any duplicate payment will be returned. *An entry form without the appropriate entry fee will not be accepted.*

5. PAYMENT: Payment may be made thru PayPal or by Check. If you elect PayPal, click on the PayPal link at the bottom of the official Entry form and complete your payment. If you prefer personal check, make it payable to *Evanston Community Tennis Association* and deliver to: ECTA Treasurer, 1313 Cleveland Street, Evanston, Illinois 60202.

6. ENTRY DEADLINE: Entry forms & fees must be *received* no later than Monday, May 21.

7. POSTING OF EVENTS, DRAWS: The Tournament Director will post the draws by May 25. The Tournament Director reserves the right to reassign entries in all brackets in order to allow for a good tennis experience and reserves the right to cancel or combine events with insufficient entrants. (If cancellation leaves an entrant without any event in the tournament, that entrant's fee will be refunded.) The tournament events and draws will be posted on the USTA website on about May 25 and can be located using...

the **USTA Tournament ID: 850056512** ; or at the link ...

http://tennislink.usta.com/TOURNAMENTS/TournamentHome_New/Tournament.aspx?T=123962

Please Note that all final communications and information will be posted on the ECTA website and/or through our e-mail contact. Please inquire first with the Tournament Director FIRST with any questions.

8. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE: Matches in rounds up to and including semi-finals (but not the finals) are self-arranged matches ("SAM") by the players. ECTA will reserve courts for the Semi-Finals on June 25 but players are free to self-arrange their semi-final matches provided they are completed by the rain-out date of June 26. The draw sheet for each event will indicate the latest date for completion of each round. Matches must be played by the deadlines. Entrants may be defaulted for failure to play by the deadline. To protect yourself against default, immediately advise the Tournament Director of the reason you will be unable to keep to the schedule.

9. ARRANGING MATCHES: Participants will be e-mailed telephone numbers and email addresses of players in their events. Each first-round player is responsible for promptly contacting his/her opponent(s) to arrange a mutually agreed time and match location. Every match *winner* is responsible for promptly contacting their new opponent(s) and arranging the next match.

10. MATCH FORMAT: Each match is decided by 2 out of 3 tiebreak sets. Each singles player or doubles team must bring a can of new USTA-approved tennis balls to each match. The winner of the match will keep the unopened can.

11. MATCH RULES: ITF rules of tennis govern all matches. Comments in USTA's "Friend at Court" also are applicable. The Code for unofficiated matches governs all matches except those played with chair umpires. The ITF rules and the Code are in "Friend at Court" on the USTA website at www.usta.com/rules; click on Tennis Rules & Regulations.

12. DISPUTE RESOLUTION: Any dispute should be settled by the players in accordance with the tournament's Match Rules or by directing an inquiry promptly to the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director shall have the final decision making authority over any dispute arising during tournament play.

13. DEFAULTS: Any player may be defaulted for a failure to appear for a scheduled match; inability to complete a match in progress due to injury, illness, or personal emergency; a failure to maintain the tournament schedule, including scheduled semi-final or championship matches; and any other grounds specified under the tournament's Match Rules. The Tournament Director has discretion to default a single player/team or both players/teams whose match is not completed by the deadline. Any potential default must be ruled on by the Tournament Director before it is effective. A default is not official until it has been posted as a result on the internet.

14. REPORTING RESULTS: The winner of each match is responsible for promptly reporting the result to the Tournament Director.

15. POSTING OF RESULTS: Match results will be posted regularly on the internet. The link can be found at:

http://tennislink.usta.com/TOURNAMENTS/TournamentHome_New/Tournament.aspx?T=123962

16. SEMI-FINAL AND CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES: Semi-final matches for most events and a few championship matches may be played at Northwestern University's Vandy Christie Tennis Center (as indicated by "NU" on the draw sheets) Saturday, June 23, or, if delayed by rain, Sunday, June 24. Most Championship matches will be played at Ackerman Park (as indicated by "ACK" on the draw sheets) on Wednesday, July 4. Participants must be available to play on the Fourth of July unless the match is played at a self arranged time with the consent of the Tournament Director. The Referee, with the advice of the Tournament Committee, will schedule the specific times of all semi-final and championship matches. The schedules will be posted on the internet several days before the play dates.

17. The **Tournament Referee** is: **Richard Bell**, 847-475-5095, rsbell@ameritech.net
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