

IMPORTANT DATES:

ENTRY DEADLINE: Receipt by Sunday, June 16

DRAW POSTED: June 19

EARLY ROUNDS of PLAY: June 22 & 23

FINALS: Thursday, 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 two events, including two doubles

events. A full list of the events is on the entry form. A few Rules related to those events are highlighted here.

Community Tennis Events. The century doubles, 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. Generally, 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.

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 another "Open" event, provided those draws have not been designated as "Community Tennis Events."

Age: Some brackets are age sensitive. Your age in this tournament is determined by the year of birth and not by the specific (birth) month.

2. E-MAIL. Be sure to register Online at the ECTA website "General E-Mail List" for our messages if you have not already done so. This can be found at the bottom of each web page at www.evanstontennis.org. E-mail 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 \$40 for each participant which includes a \$25 tournament fee and \$15 for your 2013 ECTA membership.

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 DEAD LINE: Entry forms & fees must be received no later than Sunday June 16.

7. POSTING OF EVENTS, DRAWS: The Tournament Director will post the draws by June 19. 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 or about June 19 at the tournament website:

Please Note: that all final communications and information will be posted on the ECTA website and/or through our e-mail contact. Please inquire 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 to be held on the weekend of June 22 & 23. Several site locations throughout Evanston will be determined based on draws. 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. In case of rain, matches may be self-arranged with permission on Tournament Director, but the weekend of June 27 & 28 will serve as fall-back date(s).

10. MATCH FORMAT: Each match is decided by 2 out of 3 sets. If match is even at one set apiece, then third set will be determined by the USTA 10 point match tiebreaker, sometimes referred to as a super tiebreaker. 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. ECTA will also have tennis cans on site.

11. MATCH RULES: ITF rules of tennis govern all matches. Comments in USTA's "Friend at Court" also are applicable. The Code for un-officiated 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.

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:

16. CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES: Most Championship matches will be played at Ackerman Park (as indicated by "ACK" on the draw sheets) on 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 Directors are:

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