

Friday Night Mixed Doubles at Balboa Tennis Club (BTC)

When/Where:

1st & 3rd Fridays of the month.

Time: 6-7:30pm; Check in 530-545pm with me, Christy, in front of BTC Teaching Courts (#1-4). Courts are assigned at 545pm and that is the cut-off time for sign up/check in.

I can take the first 24 players. We play on courts #5-10.

Mixed Doubles Format - King & Queen of the Court

If you are a new member to our group, please let me know so that I can assign you to a court with people familiar with the format for your 1st time.

6pm start time (prompt): Warm-up should be quick and no more than 5 minutes so that all groups are starting/finishing their games at similar times.

Please wear a mask until you reach your assigned court.

In the 1st set: 1st serve for each player = First Ball In (FBI) (**one side (deuce) only**).

For each set, you will play a total of 8 games, NO Ad (deuce point is sudden death); receiving team to determine who receives serve.

Switch ends/water break after 4 of the games completed (each player should serve once on each side).

After 8 games completed, winners will move up to the higher court # and switch partners. The defeated pair moves down to the lower court # and switches partners. If you TIE with 4 wins each, then spin the racket to select which team serves a single deciding point to determine the winner. Receiving team to choose who receives serve. Service team to choose which teammate serves. Do not change ends. No player position changes.

Follow same format of 8 games, no Ad, switch partners for each new set. Should be able to get 3 total sets in and/or finish by 7:30pm, whichever happens first!

See 2nd page for Rules...

Rules:

- 1) You must be a member of the BTC. If you are a guest and/or wish to bring a guest, please make sure that you pay a guest fee at reservations desk after checking in with me first to make sure there is a spot.
- 2) You must play at a solid 3.0 rating or above. Please ask me for examples of NTRP ratings if you are unsure. Or refer to these general characteristics of various playing levels :
 - 1.5: This player has limited experience and is still working primarily on getting the ball into play.
 - 2.0: This player needs on-court experience. This player has obvious stroke weaknesses, but is familiar with basic positions for singles and doubles play.
 - 2.5: This player is learning to judge where the ball is going although court coverage is weak. Can sustain a short rally of slow pace with other players of the same ability.
 - 3.0: This player is fairly consistent when hitting medium paced shorts, but is not comfortable with all strokes and lacks execution when trying for directional control, depth, or power. Most common doubles formation is one-up, one-back.
- 3) One player from each of the six courts to open a new can of balls. Please leave those balls on that court for the other games- thank you! If you are a regular to our group, the expectation is that you are offering to open at least once per month to spread the tennis love!
- 4) Have FUN! This is intended to be a fun, competitive mixer. Happy players with great attitudes appreciated! I try my best to assign people to courts of similar playing levels, but please remember that this is a social mixer, so if you are the stronger player on the court, consider it a good opportunity to practice your new shots. If you are a weaker player, consider it a good opportunity to play up and get some good practice. Be courteous at all times.
- 5) Stay around and socialize with us after the matches if your schedule permits. It is a Friday night after all!