

Greater Portland City League Tennis Association Rules & Regulations

S Division Addendum 2021-2022

The Rules & Regulations in this Addendum apply to S Division teams and matches only. Unless specified in this document, all other GPCLTA Rules & Regulations shall apply.

Note: The numbering and formatting for both documents shall correspond. Therefore, these rules follow the GPCLTA Rules & Regulations numbering.

Definition of Terms

2. A Match: An entire Match consists of **four** doubles matches.
3. A match: One individual doubles match played within the Match.
8. Legal player:
 - a. A player who has attained the age of 65 by September 1, of the participating year.
 - b. A player currently on one S Division team roster who may or may not also be on one C - K Division team roster.
 - c. A substituting player, from a C - K Division team, placed in lineups according to strength/playing ability, per lineup guidelines.
 - d. A substituting player who is not on a GPCLTA team roster.
 - e. A substituting player not currently rostered on an A or B Division team or has an NTPR rating of 4.0 or less.

Court Times/Tennis Clubs

1. All Tennis Clubs with S Division teams shall have a minimum of 2 courts available every Thursday as the primary match day with Tuesday or Wednesday as alternative days, at approved Match start times.

Balls/Refreshments

1. The home team shall supply 4 new cans of USTA approved balls for each Match. High altitude balls are not acceptable.
2. The home team shall provide lunch for players on both teams (approximately 16 players).
2021-22 NOTE: Lunches are not required for the Fall Session (1st half).

Order of Play/Lineups/Scoresheets

2. S Division Matches are played in two rounds with 2 individual matches in each round. When a Tennis Club has more than 2 courts available, both Captains may agree to an alternate format. When the Captains do not agree, the original format stands.

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3. Unless Captains have agreed prior to the Match, the order of play shall be: 1 Doubles and 4 Doubles play the first round, followed by 2 Doubles and 3 Doubles in the second round.
4. S Division teams are **required** to arrange their lineups in order of player strength. As S Division teams may not have players from all C - K Divisions on their rosters, the following lineup guidelines are to be used.
 - a. 1 Doubles: players from C - E Division level teams
 - b. 2 Doubles: players from E - G Division level teams
 - c. 3 Doubles: players from G - I Division level teams
 - d. 4 Doubles: players from I - K Division level teams
12. Players rostered on both a C - K Division team and a S Division team shall give priority to the C - K Division team when a Match conflict occurs.

Substitutions

1. In order to avoid defaults, S Division teams may use as substitutes, any player, age 65 and above, from any C - K Division team. Substitutes must be placed in lineups according to strength/playing ability, per lineup guidelines above.
2. S Division teams may use as substitutes, any player age 65 and above, who is not on a City League team roster. Out of league substitutes must be placed in lineups, according to strength/playing ability, per lineup guidelines above.
3. Current A and B Division players and NTRP 4.5 and above rated players may not substitute on a S Division team.
4. Players rostered on a S Division team only may not substitute on an A - K Division team.

Rules Changes

1. The S Division Rules & Regulations shall be in force for a minimum of 3 years following the initiation of the Senior Division (currently, thru the 2023-24 season).
2. S Division Rules & Regulations may be revised prior to the Spring Session (2nd half).
3. Adjustments for significant issues and/or safety concerns shall be considered at any time by the GPCLTA Board.

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