

## Welcome to the CSC Tennis Team!

If you have any questions or feedback at anytime please contact [tennis@cranbrookswimclub.com](mailto:tennis@cranbrookswimclub.com)

### Coaching Staff:

We are fortunate to have the pros from Beverly Hills Club manage our tennis program this year. Our coaches for the 2018 season are:

- Yahsha Moore- Head Coach
- Robert Carpenter - Head Pro
- Rohan Desilva-Assistant Pro

### Tennis Team Guidelines:

- Players will be slated to play in matches depending on skill level. All players on the CSC tennis team are expected to play in matches if asked to do so.
- There is no on court instruction during tennis team practice, players that join the team should have a basic knowledge of the game and some skill level.
- Tennis instruction is available through CSC tennis clinics and lessons for those of you looking for instruction or an introduction to the game, these classes are listed on the website. You can also sign up for private lessons by contacting Robert Carpenter at 248-642-8500, Ext 313
- **'I can't play' list should be completed online by the Tuesday of the week your child cannot play by 6pm. This helps the Coaches plan for the matches. B team plays on Thursdays at 1:00, A team plays on Fridays at noon.**
- Friday practices are for those who don't play in matches, depending on the size of the team we play against, the number of kids playing in matches will be determined.
- List of other club addresses and match schedules are available online.
- All snacks will be provided at home matches.
- **Remind 101** is available for immediate tennis team updates (rain cancellations, etc) please sign up by texting 81010 and @d8c9gk to receive these updates.

### Singles Tennis Ladder Rules

1. RANKINGS – During the first week of practice, players will be assessed and placed into a ladder system.
2. CHALLENGING – You may challenge a player ranked one or two spots above you. If you win your match you take the place of the person you defeated.
3. IF YOU ARE CHALLENGED – If you are challenged you will receive a call or email from your challenger. You then have two options:

- a. ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE – **All challenge matches must be played before Tuesday 6pm.**
- b. DECLINE THE CHALLENGE – Instead of accepting the challenge, you may decline the challenge and forfeit the match. This is the option you should choose if you cannot accept the challenge due to illness, vacation, busy schedule, etc. Although you forfeit matches you decline, this process will keep the ladder moving and allow players to participate in more matches. This option is also the default if you do not respond to a challenge within 48 hours.

#### **4. MATCH RULES –**

- a. BEST TWO OUT OF THREE SETS ( or 8 game pro-set if both agree) – All challenge matches must be played in the best two out of three sets format with a seven-point tiebreaker played if any set is tied at 6-6. Players will spin a racquet or flip a coin to determine the initial serve or side of the court.
- b. RULES – The Rules of Tennis will apply to all challenge matches so please become familiar with such rules. These rules may be found at [www.usta.com](http://www.usta.com).

5. AFTER EVERY MATCH – After every challenge match, the winner must report the score to the tennis coach. Scores must be entered within 48 hours of the challenge being issued or else the players will remain in the same ladder positions.

### **N.O.C.S.S.L. RULES OF PLAY ( revised August 2014)**

#### **I. General**

1. Players must be members of the club that they are playing for.
2. Paid staff members are eligible to participate in the league as long as the family has a paid membership to the club.
3. Parents will not be allowed to coach. A parent, or any other spectator, will be warned once at the league championships, and then the USTA point penalty system will be used. Any club employing less than four coaches may designate a parent to act as a coach at a site that is not covered by a regular coach. Each club will be given name tags for their coaches, and designated coaches, so that it will be easier to spot the parents who are coaching in violation of the rules.
4. Pro's / Coaches will have the authority to overrule flagrant line calls in all dual matches or tournaments when on the court, only. USTA rules will apply.
5. Players will be encouraged to wear team shirts for all match play.
6. Players will be placed in an age group based upon their birth date as of June 1 of the current

year. Coaches are encouraged to check birthdates before the season begins so that players play the season in their proper age group.

7. The Coman tiebreak will be used for all match play.
8. All 10 & under play will use the green dot ball on a 78 foot court.
9. Teams are required to provide ample drinking water and other lite refreshments for dual matches.
10. Coaches should always consider the safety of their players when making heat related decisions. The NOCSSL recommends that play cease when the heat index reaches 107 degrees, which is equivalent to 95 degrees with 50% humidity. The decision is still up to the coaches, but at a heat index of 107, one coach can make the decision to reschedule.
11. Each team will be scheduled for 6 "A" matches and 6 "B" matches beginning with the summer of 2014.
12. The league will be split into two divisions to determine where the A and B tournaments will play each year. LTF, HOH, GOCC and Oakhurst CC will host the A tournament in even years and BHAC, Beachwood, Cranbrook and Bloomfield Hills Tennis & Swim will host in the odd years. The group will host the B tournament in the opposite years.

## **II. "A" Dual Meets**

1. Teams will play "4" deep in dual matches. Teams playing "2" or "3" deep will have to forfeit any spot where a player is used the second time. Players must play in ranked order where your 1 is higher on your club ladder than your 2. For the A finals, a lineup will be submitted by each team, prior to the draw.
2. Individual match scoring for dual matches and the tournament is an 8 game pro set, regular scoring with a tiebreak at 7-7.
3. For each "A" dual match three points will be possible to attain. A team will receive one point for each gender match that they win and a point for winning the entire match. In the event of a gender tie (6-6) each club will get one point. Whoever would win the other gender match, would get a second point. A third point is given to the winner of the entire match. If the match ends in a 12-12 tie overall score, a tie break of number of games will be used to break the tie. If a team wins both boys and girls, that team would earn 3 points ( 1 point for girls, 1 point for boys, and one point for the match). Total dual points will be used to determine a league champ for dual matches in the "A" League.

4. In the event of rain, before a dual match is completed to where a team does not have enough matches to win, each team will receive 1 point. This will not allow teams that do finish an unfair advantage in team points later in the tournament. It also underscores that the match is undecided, with no penalty due to weather. Matches can be made up In the event of rain, before a dual match is completed to where a team does not have enough matches to win, each team will receive 1 point. This will not allow teams that do finish an unfair advantage in team points later in the tournament. It also underscores that the match is undecided, with no penalty due to weather. Matches can be made up.

### III. "B" Dual

1. "B" dual matches will be scheduled by tiers with the upper tier playing each other twice with one crossover the lower tier playing each other twice with one crossover.
2. "B" matches are for competitive play experience for the players. No team score will be kept and the emphasis should be on getting as many players matches as possible. The format (6 game, 8 game) is determined by the two coaches to create the best situation for that match.

### IV. Finals

1. Coaches have the authority to modify rules at the "A" and "B" Finals in case inclement weather causes delays. After each head coach has been notified of the possible change and discussion has taken place, a majority vote of the head coaches will be needed for the waiver to take place.
2. Coaches must notify all other coaches through email reply all of their defaults for the "A" and "B" Finals. This will give coaches with large teams a better chance to fill in the defaults for the "B" Final and will let parents and players know about time changes in advance due to defaults for the "A" Finals. **The deadline for "B" Finals defaults is 6pm the Thursday before the finals. The deadline for "A" Finals defaults is 6 pm on the Friday before the finals.**
3. Beginning with the 2015 Season, a 15 minute default rule will be in effect at the "A" and "B" Finals.

### V. "A" Finals

1. A player may compete in only "A" or "B" Finals. There can be only one exception for a boy and one for a girl where a situation causes a player to play in both. In clubs with 60 or less players the amount of players playing both A and B will be doubled.
2. Players will have to participate in at least two matches, with at least one match being an "A" match.
3. Teams will play "4" deep in the league tournament. This means that players cannot play both singles and doubles.
4. A backdraw will be used in the "A" finals following the high school league format playing off 8 positions. There will be a 3-4 and 7-8 playoff in each bracket. The scoring is as follows. 1<sup>st</sup> place- 8 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place- 7 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place- 6 points, etc. First round defaults will move according to the bracket. Total score for the tournament will be determined by final placement in each bracket with points added from each flight.
5. "A" Finals will be played as follow: "A" Singles on Tuesday, "A" Doubles on Wednesday  
Thursday will be used if play is postponed because of rain.

## **VI. "B" Finals**

1. A player may compete in only "A" or "B" Finals. There can be only one exception for a boy and one for a girl where a situation causes a player to play in both. In clubs with 60 or less players the amount of players playing both A and B will be doubled.
2. The B tournament will be 2 flights in 3 divisions (10's,12's, and 13 and over) for both boys and girls. To minimize defaults, other teams can fill vacant spots equally with players. The same high school league tournament flight format will be used. Team scoring will be a nonissue since there is no team trophy and the goal is to play as many players as possible for individual trophies and medals. Extra teams will play in an alternate tournament if the hosting clubs have the ability to run it. Gary Nicholls will serve as the clearing house for "B" Finals defaults in 2015 to make sure that as many players as possible get to play.
3. "B" Finals will be played on Monday.

***We are looking forward to a great season!***