

## PACQUENAC TENNIS CLUB

### 2024 FOUNDERS TOURNAMENT RULES

**There are new tournament rules for 2024. As a requirement for all participants, it is incumbent on you to familiarize yourself with and understand the rules.**

A. The tournament consists of a ladder phase and a single-elimination (play-offs) phase.

B. There will be 5 divisions.

1. Women's Singles
2. Men's Singles
3. Women's Doubles
4. Men's Doubles
5. Mixed Doubles

C. Please send an email to Deepa Mathew at [dmathew2002@yahoo.com](mailto:dmathew2002@yahoo.com), Kathy Sheldon [jspixie@yahoo.com](mailto:jspixie@yahoo.com) and Joanne Nasto at [jnsetmatch@aol.com](mailto:jnsetmatch@aol.com) if you would like to participate.

D. The sign up for the Founders Tournament begins on May 5<sup>th</sup> and ends on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The ladder phase will commence on May 25.

E. To encourage maximum amount of play, the initial ladder positions will be randomly selected.

F. All participants must register with the Tournament Committee. Last year's teams and participants should confirm that they are interested in playing this year. In order to participate, you must notify Deepa Mathew via email at [dmathew2002@yahoo.com](mailto:dmathew2002@yahoo.com) by May 18 of your intent to play. If any changes after May 18, you will be placed at the bottom of ladder

G. You arrange and play your own matches at your own convenience throughout the ladder phase. However, a match must, without exception, be completed before the next one can be arranged and/or scheduled.

H. In the ladder phase, you and/or your team can challenge any position on the ladder above your current position,

I. A challenger may challenge the same team more than once, but the challenged team is under no obligation to accept more than two challenges from the same team.

J. A challengee can refuse/reject a challenger's proposed match date only one (1) time for whatever reason and must arrange for an alternative date acceptable to both parties within a week. Thereafter, if there is such a refusal or rejection by the challengee, it is considered forfeiture and the challenger will be considered the winner and ladder positions will be changed.

K. If the higher-ranking participant wins the ladder match, there is no change in standings. If the challenger wins the ladder match, he/she moves to the spot previously occupied by challenged participant, and the challenged participant moves down one from its original spot.

L. The challenger has the duty to report scheduled matches to the Tournament Committee via email to Deepa Mathew.

M. The winner has the absolute duty to report results to the Tournament Committee via email.

N. You and/or your team must, without exception, complete 3 matches in the ladder phase for each and every division in which you participate in order to qualify for the elimination-phase (play-offs). Also, you must have completed matches with strict adherence to the below deadlines/dates in order to continue in ladder-phase and be eligible for playoffs.

1st match by June 15

2nd match by July 13

3rd match by August 10

O. After the ladder-phase, you will be entered in the elimination phase of the playoffs.

P. For 2024, the elimination phase begins August 11, 2024. Matches will be scheduled and completed by the participants within specified-date ranges as follows:

Elimination-Phase Schedules:

Men's Singles August 11 –October 14

Women's Singles August 11 – October 14

Women's Doubles August 11 - October 14

Men's Doubles August 11 - October 14

Mixed Doubles August 11 – October 14

Q. Best of three (3) sets and USTA play and scoring rules apply. During the ladder phase a 10-point tie breaker in lieu of third set is mandatory. In the elimination phase a standard third set may be played if all parties agree prior to start of the match.

R. Both participants are to bring a new can of soft-court tennis balls to the match. The winners get the unused new can, and the loser retains the used balls.

S. As a matter of courtesy to other players at the Club and to avoid unnecessary court congestion, it is highly advisable that you play your matches during "off-peak" time of the day (from 12:00 pm to 4:00pm). Please send an email to Deepa Mathew and Kathy Sheldon when you set up your matches to ensure that no more than 2 courts will be utilized for matches at any given time.

T. Please do not extend play as social tennis once match is completed if others are waiting for a court.

U. Tournament Committee reserves the right to modify any of the above as it deems necessary and proper. If any questions, concerns, conflicts or disagreements arise during play, please call or text Kathy Sheldon (973-809-2651) or Joanne Nasto (973-886-8165) immediately.

Tournament Committee

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