



STONEWALL TENNIS – GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 STONEWALL ATLANTA TENNIS

This is Stonewall Atlanta's first season of tennis beginning February 17th, 2023

1.2 LOCATION

The winter season of tennis will be at Bitsy Grant Tennis center.
2125 Northside Drive NW, Atlanta, GA, 30305

1.3 TIMES

Tennis will occur on Friday evenings at 6pm to 8pm on the following dates

February 17, 2023

February 24, 2023

March 3, 2023

March 10, 2023

March 17, 2023 - NO GAMES

March 24, 2023

March 31, 2023

April 7, 2023 -NO GAMES

April 14, 2023

April 21, 2023 - Tournament

1.4 COST / REGISTRATION

Registration for tennis will open Jan 2, 2023 and remain open until Jan 30, 2023

Late registration will begin Jan 20, 2023

Cost of player registration will be \$80

Late registration will be \$85

2.1 RULES

The Standard United States Tennis Association (USTA) rules of tennis will be used with a few modifications as outlined below. Official USTA rules can be found here [USTA Rules and Regulations 2022](#).

2.2 WARMUPS

A 5 (Five) minute warmup is allowed and encouraged. After that players will be asked to begin as we have many sets to play in a relatively short period of time.

2.3 MATCH FORMAT

Each Match will consist of 4 doubles teams of 2 players.

Captain (or designated fill-in in his/her absence) is responsible for team lineup and must present lineup before start of play.

Substitutions are allowed for players who do not show as long as 5 or more players are present and other rules are followed.

Schedule of player order will be submitted 24 hours in advance to the start of the match. If #1 doubles players have not arrived by match time #2 doubles will begin if both teams are present. If by conclusion of match #1 doubles players have not arrived, they will be deemed as no-shows.

Both singles and doubles will be one set with first to reach 8 games by a margin of 2 within the scheduled hour of play.

If the hour is reached and neither team has reached 8 games by a margin of 2, then the winner will be determined by simple majority.

No ad scoring is 15, 30, 40, game. At 40-40 (also known as deuce), one point is played to finish the game.

At 40-40, the receiving team will choose to receive serve in the deuce court or ad court.

In the event of a 8-8 game score, a "first to 7 point tiebreaker" (win by 2 points) is used with USTA rules.

2.4 TEAM MEMBERS WHO PLAY

All eligible team members present must play.

The first season, teams will not be divided into divisions based on skill due to the limited number of teams.

No player may play in more than 2 matches, unless an exception is allowed by the Tennis Director.

A minimum of 6 team members will play each week in an official match.

If a team has 4 or fewer players they may play but will receive no points and a loss, unless a substitution is permitted by the Tennis Director.

2.5 SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitutions are allowed and can be used. If your team has 9 or more players present you will need to use substitutions to ensure everyone plays part of one match.

2.6 TEAM SCORING

We keep team score by total games won. Team that wins the most games is the winner. A tie score is possible.

Example with Baby Got Backhand (BB) and Atlanta Raquettes (AR) from 2018 in Raleigh:

1 Singles BB 8 -- AR 6

#2 Singles BB 8 -- AR 6

#1 Doubles BB 4 -- AR 8

#2 Doubles BB 9 -- AR 8

#3 Doubles BB 2 -- AR 8

Total Games Won BB 31 - AR 36

Even though BB won 3 out of 5 sets --- AR WINS the overall match by a score of 36-31.

As you can see from the example above -- every game counts.

2.7 ATTIRE / GEAR

All players must wear a Stonewall current season tennis shirt to play. Shorts, pants, or a tennis skirt must also be worn (provided by each player).

Player names and pronouns must be listed on Stonewall shirt (he/him, she/her, they/them, etc.). Stonewall is an inclusive league and language on the shirts making fun of the pronouns is not allowed.

Shirts may be cut at the sleeves, neckline, mid-riff, etc. – as long as all Stonewall and sponsor information is fully visible. Shirts must also adhere to any tennis center attire policy.

In the event of colder weather, long sleeves may be worn under the Stonewall Shirt.

Tennis shoes MUST be worn. Any flat bottom athletic shoe is considered appropriate for tennis. Shoes with spikes or heavy tread are not permitted.

Any other wardrobe modifications must be approved in advance by the Stonewall Tennis Director and adhere to the tennis center clothing policy.

If a player does not adhere to Stonewall / tennis center attire policy they will be counted as no-show and asked to leave until proper attire can be produced.

Every player must provide their own tennis racquet for their matches.

Tennis balls will be provided for players by Stonewall.

2.8 LINE CALLS and OTHER DISPUTES

Each team calls the ball in or out, using the designated singles or doubles lines on their side of the court.

The serving team is responsible for calling the point score and game score.

In the event the serving team forgets the score, they may ask opponents or any spectators or assistant refs (volunteers) for assistance.

In the event of a dispute please consult with any Stonewall referee(s) or the Directors.

Stonewall Tennis- Atlanta Director will be wearing a designated color T-shirt.

2.9 NO-SHOW and ABSENT

Scheduled players who do not appear for matches will be considered and recorded as no-show / absent for the game.

Players will become ineligible for playoffs and removed from potential championship status if they are considered no-shows / absent for more than 2 of their scheduled matches.

2.10 TIEBREAKERS used for PLAYOFF SEEDINGS:

First Tiebreaker: overall won-loss records

Second Tiebreaker: head to head record

Third Tiebreaker: points differential

Fourth Tiebreaker: coin toss