

# **FCPA Team League**

The FCPA Team League consists of matches between 6 teams of four players on each team. The teams will be decided by draft. Matches will be played by all teams on a weekly basis at a time determined before the signup period. Depending on the signup, the format will be either even-gender (even number of men and women on each team) or non-even-gender. The league will consist of 5 weeks of pool play and the final week will be the championship brackets.

## **Team Draft**

- At the end of the signup period, the competition committee will select the six team captains who will participate in the draft.
- The six captains will meet either in person or virtually at an agreed upon time no later than one week before the first match.
- The draft will be done confidentially among only the six captains and any discussions had during the draft will remain confidential.
- The list of players will be provided to the captains two days before the draft.
- The captains may discuss player abilities, strengths, weaknesses, etc. before the draft but must be done confidentially.
- A random draw will determine the Team number (draft order) 1 to 6.
- The draft will be in a serpentine format. The captain who drafts last in round 1 drafts first in round 2 and so on.

## **Substitutes**

Players not participating on a team may sign up to be subs. The list of subs must be approved by the competition committee and must be FCPA members. Subs significantly above the playing level of the league will not be approved. Teams may only select subs from the approved list and no team may use the same sub in more than one match per season. The sub must be the same gender as the person being substituted for. Subs must be reported to the League Commissioner no less than one hour before each match.

## **Pool Matches**

Each week at the designated day/time, teams will play each other in the following order:

Week 1: 1 vs 2, 3 vs 6, 4 vs 5

Week 2: 3 vs 4, 1 vs 6, 2 vs 5

Week 3: 4 vs 6, 2 vs 3, 1 vs 5

Week 4: 1 vs 4, 3 vs 5, 2 vs 6

Week 5: 5 vs 6, 1 vs 3, 2 vs 4

**Even Gender:** Each match will consist of the following six games

- Men's Doubles

- Women's Doubles
- Four Mixed Doubles games

The order of your mixed doubles teams must be written down before the match (i.e. you cannot wait to see who the other captain is playing before deciding).

**Non-Even Gender:** Before each match, each team captain will write down the names of their players designated A, B, C, and D (in no particular order). The match will consist of the following six games:

- AB/AB
- CD/CD
- AC/AC
- BD/BD
- AD/AD
- BC/BC

All games will be to 11 win by 2. Each team will be given 10 minutes to warm up before the start of the match. No warmup time given between games unless a single court is being used for the match. Then a five minute warmup period between games is allowed.

Players will switch sides of the court when one side reaches six points.

Serve/Side will be determined by Coin Toss (or other random method).

Each side is allowed one 1-minute timeout per game.

All results will be reported to the League Commissioner with a copy to the opposing captain at the end of the match.

### **Championship Week**

On the sixth week of the league, all teams will play at the same designated time for the league tournament.

Teams will be seeded by the following:

1. Total number of wins
2. Total number of points
3. Least number of substitutions used
4. Lowest draft order

The tournament will be single-elimination. Each Round will only consist of four games for each team:

**Even Gender:** Men's Doubles, Women's Double, and two pre-determined Mixed Doubles  
(determined by team captains beforehand)

**Non-Even Gender** (Player designations determined by captains beforehand)

- AB/AB
- CD/CD
- AC/AC
- BD/BD

The same seeding criteria will be used to determine the winner of the round.

Round 1: Seed 3 vs Seed 6, Seed 4 vs Seed 5 (Seed 1 and 2 have Bye)

Round 2: Lowest Winning Seed vs Seed 1, Highest Seed vs Seed 2

Round 3 (Gold): Winners from Round 2

Round 3 (Bronze) Losers from Round 2

**Rain Dates:** In the event of rain on the designated match time, the teams may arrange their own match time and must be reported to the League Commissioner. In the event of rain on the tournament date, the Commissioner will reschedule. Wind will not be a reason for rescheduling unless it is forecast to be above 20 mph.