



Crosby Club Tennis & Pickleball League Policies

Club Goals and Objectives - The overall goals and objectives of the inter-club league team programs are

- To provide an opportunity for members to play competitive team tennis and pickleball at the appropriate level of play.
- To have successful teams.
- To provide opportunities for the continuous development and improvement of players.
- To be fair and objective in running our teams, and to be committed to the well being of the team. Preparing rosters and match line-ups that follow league rules and reflect the spirit of good sportsmanship.
- To provide a friendly, competitive experience for our playing members.

Captains – Captains may serve up to 2 consecutive seasons for a particular level or league. To be eligible to serve as captain, a player should have played on the team (same league and level, or its predecessor team, if the team moved up or down a level) during the previous year. If it is a new team or no returning player volunteers to serve as captain, then any incoming team member may serve as captain. When only one person volunteers to be captain, no election will be held. Each captain may select a co-captain to serve with, but are not required to do so. If more than one eligible person requests to be captain, then the interest to captain form must be filled out no later than 10 days prior to the league roster deadline

If more than one captain requests to act as captain, then a vote will be given to the members on the upcoming roster.

The Athletic Director may select a captain if a new roster or team is being formed, or no member has offered to captain.

The interest to captain link can be found here.

<https://www.slottr.com/sheets/18294502>

Only current club members in good standing at the Sports Level category and above may be a team captain.

Team Information, Operating Principles, and Procedures

- Any Crosby club member (Sports Center Level or Golf category) who is age eligible for league play as set forth by the league, wishing to play on a competitive tennis team may request to roster on a team as long as the level and requirements are appropriate to that team.

All members are not guaranteed a roster position, however the team captain will try to accommodate as many members as possible.

- Team captains will work cooperatively to develop individual team rosters, taking into account our overall Club goals and objectives, individual team goals and objectives, and available players and their level of play. Captains generally consider the ideal roster size to be around 12-16 players, but actual roster sizes may differ depending on circumstances.

- Team captains may request the aid of the Athletic Director to develop their recommended team

rosters and match line-ups. Player placement will be driven by the goal of creating competitive teams at each level.

There may be some overlap between the teams in terms of the skills and experience of the players. For each league and division, the captains should have an ideal roster of players created.

- In the case where the club offers two teams in the same division, a lottery may be held to place players on the roster for each team. Separate rules for the lottery will be issued at the appropriate time if needed.
- Players who elect to roster on a team other than their recommended level should understand that in doing so, their playing opportunities may be limited and they can not in most cases play down. Players also must understand that captains will make line-ups based on competitive play. There is no guarantee of a line position to play during each season. Past league results will help determine the recommended level as well as input from the coaches.
- In order to add depth to team rosters and facilitate player development, team captains may actively and strategically call upon players from the lower level team to sub up, as needed to ensure match play.
- Additions can be made to the roster between seasons, but overall placement generally will remain the same for rostered players during the year unless additional players are needed on the higher level team. If a player not on a roster at the time rosters are initially established wishes to join a team as a regular player or sub thereafter, the decision regarding the placement of that player will be made in consultation among the team captains on whose teams the player may be suited to play.
- Players looking to move up in level will need to consult the Director and team captain. With regards to tennis, USTA end of year rankings will define where players can roster. In other leagues player movement may be achieved through a petition to the league coordinators through a team captain or club Director. These petitions will need to be based on a successful league record or other clear reason of success in tournament play.
- Players who elect to remain on a team below for another season may in some cases be allowed to move in the upcoming season depending on the circumstance (such as staying on to act as mentor or captain).
- Players may request preferred partners, but the captain may, at their discretion, assign different partners for particular matches based upon team needs.
- Captains are responsible for creating match line-ups and may exercise their discretion in so doing, bearing in mind the Club goals and objectives, listed above. Rostered members shall have the option of priority to play in a match with regards to their non-member teammates. This priority will be when a schedule is set at the beginning of season and a captain sends out the initial availability calendar.
- Team members may be offered the opportunity to hold a team practices or clinics during the season with the Club's Tennis/PB Pros. Attendance is not mandatory, but should improve skills in matchplay. The Athletic Director will inform players of the fee for the practices.
- By joining a team, players accept responsibility for communicating with their team captain in a timely manner regarding their availability to play matches, attend practices, and participate in other team events. Further, players must commit to arriving at matches on time and to giving their captain timely notice if they are unable to play a match as scheduled.

- In the event that a player is not engaging in activities that benefit the team, or undermine the success of the team, the captain shall reserve the right to suspend that player for the remainder of the season and future seasons for the calendar year on teams on which they act as captain. A description of the related events leading to suspension will be submitted to the Athletic Director for record keeping. A suspended player may request a reinstatement for a future season, although there is no guarantee of approval. This is to be discussed with the club's Athletic Director before action is taken.
- A limited number of non-members may be allowed to play on a team, however they will be listed on the sub list if the league offers one and shall not have priorities in match play over rostered members on that team who would like to play. This corresponds to the initial response the captain sends out to the team regarding player availability dates. When utilizing sub-list players, captains may choose which player best suits the match needs; member or non-member. Only members can be rostered on a lower team as well as be subs for higher level teams. Leagues often can request a roster list without a designated label of "substitutes". When a member is playing on two different level teams with no mention of subs, they will be considered a sub in terms of member/non-member priority for the higher level team.
- The club promotes a full participation and roster made of members. At the very least, a minimum of 6 members (Sports Center Level & above) will be needed in order to request a team formation. This will need to be discussed with the Athletic Director before approval.
- Food & drink for home matches may be provided by the club if the captains wish to offer refreshments for home matches. This must be discussed prior to season with the Athletic Director and appropriate food and beverage departments.



The Crosby Club reserves the right to amend, replace, or terminate these policies at any time at its sole discretion.
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