



## Purpose

- The 70s Series was created to offer more opportunities to play for our 70+ year olds.

## Rounds/Matches

- The number of matches that each team has will be dictated off the number of courts available and the number of teams that are registered for the particular event. The goal is to give each team a minimum of three matches (pending weather).
- This will be a mixed team event and the events that each round/match consists of will be determined based upon the registration numbers of the event and will remain consistent for that particular event.
- Lunch will be provided for players on the second day of the event.
- Players have at most 45 minutes before the start of their next match.
  - If we are playing more lines in a match than we have courts for please note the following:
    - If we are running behind, and a team has another match that is scheduled to start within 45 minutes after the last court of their previous match is done, the team will still be required to start their match at their scheduled time.
    - The last court to come off should not be placed in first match to go on in their next scheduled match unless they are okay with forgoing the maximum 45 minutes of rest between matches
    - Please note that this is between matches, in the event a player is playing more than once in a single match this does not apply

## Registration

- Registration will be open for at least one month before the event and will close 10 days before the event.
  - If someone wants to play after the registration deadline, they should reach out to [nick@nctennis.com](mailto:nick@nctennis.com). A decision will be made on if they can still register and play or not depending on the amount current players registered and the number of teams.
- Although this is a team event, you will sign up as individuals to be placed onto a team. NC Tennis will create the teams and make them as equal as we can.
  - If you have a few people (up to 4) that you know and would like to be on the same team, you can still sign up together. Just send an email to [nick@nctennis.com](mailto:nick@nctennis.com) to let him know your group.
  - Every effort will be made to keep you all together.
- This event is open to both USTA members and nonmembers.

- We ask for your NTRP rating to get an idea so we can make the teams as even as possible. This is not an official rating as there can be individuals who want to play that do not have a rating.
- Refunds will not be given after the registration deadline
  - In the event of rain, refunds will not be given if a team has played at least one match.
  - If the team did not play at least one match, they may receive only a partial refund (the cost of lunch will not be refunded)

### **Scoring Format**

- The scoring format will be based upon the number of teams that register.
  - It will either be best of 3 sets with a 10-point tiebreaker for the third set, an 8-game pro set, or best of 3 short sets.
  - In the event of rain, we may switch to 8 game pro sets, 6 game sets, or short sets, it will be up to the Site Coordinator.
- The winner of each match will be determined by the number of matches won across the amount of lines played
  - In the event of a tie in a team match (if there is an even number of events) the tie will be broken by the first of the following procedures:
    - Sets. Loser of the fewest number of sets.
    - Games. Loser of the fewest number of games.
    - Game Winning Percentage: Total games won divided by total games played If two teams split and each have one win and won loss, the winner will be determined by total number of points won.
    - If it is still tied, it will be determined by a method set by NC Tennis staff prior to the start of the tournament.
  - In the event of a retirement during a match, the team that is not retiring will receive the full number of games as if they would have won the remaining games to be played.
  - In the event of a tie at the end of the event, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures:
    - Individual Matches. Winner of the most individual matches in the entire competition.
    - Head-to-Head. Winner of head-to-head match only if all tied teams have played each other and one team defeated all the teams that are tied.
    - Sets. Loser of the fewest number of sets.
    - Games. Loser of the fewest number of games.
    - Game Winning Percentage: Total games won divided by total games played If two teams split and each have one win and won loss, the winner will be determined by total number of points won.
    - If it is still tied, it will be determined by a coin flip.

### **Substitutions**

- Substitutions are permitted ONLY at the player's request and if it is for a health-related reason (i.e. injury or overheating etc.) for no penalty.
  - To make a substitution the following procedures must be followed:

- The player coming in should be of the same gender as the player they are replacing.
  - The first player that should be used for substitution should not be someone who has already played in the round or is scheduled to play in the round.
  - If this is still not possible for the team, they can place another member of their team into the match, as long as they are the same gender and they are not currently playing in a match on court.
  - If this is not possible, the teams can put in a player from another team and continue to play for fun but the match will be recorded as a retirement from when the substitution was made.

### **Captain Responsibilities**

- Schedule to play all the women and men on your team as close to the same amount as possible over the course of the event.
  - You should communicate to the players on your team ahead of time if you will not be scheduling them to play during certain matches so they can determine for themselves if they should arrive a day later or if they would like to leave early if they are not scheduled to play later on.
- When the captain is on court, someone is designated to put the next match on the NEXT open court.