

The Double Bagel

The Oahu Club Monthly Tennis Newsletter



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COVID-19 Restrictions on Tennis

The City & County of Honolulu has been operating under their Tier 2 strategy since October 22nd which will stay in effect while the COVID case count is between 50~100/day and the positivity rate is between 2.5~ 5.0%. Outdoor sports, like tennis, are allowed but "organized team sports" -- USTA leagues, we presume -- will not be allowed until Tier 4 is reached when cases are less than 20/day and the positivity rate is less than 1%. These case count and positivity numbers are seven-day rolling averages and must be maintained for four consecutive weeks before we can move to the next less-restrictive tier.

OC Fall Season In-House League

The fall season in-house tennis league is off and running. Although it started on October 18th you can still sign up to play until November 13th; the league ends on December 12th. This league is open to all tennis members eighteen years of age and over at no additional charge.

The events are Men's and Women's Singles and Doubles at the Novice, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, Open, and Seniors 65+ levels, and Mixed Doubles at the 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, Open, Seniors 65+ levels. The format is round-robin with 8-game pro sets, no-add scoring, and seven-point tie-break at seven games all. Players are allowed to play in more than one event at the same time.

New: Each singles player or doubles team will provide a new can of tennis balls; one can will be opened and used as match balls. The winner keeps the unopened can while the other team keeps the used match balls!

All matches will be played at the Oahu Club courts and players are responsible for scheduling matches and reserving courts. The winners are responsible for submitting the final scores to Sheldon after each match. The last day to submit match scores is December 14th.

If you are interested in playing in this league please submit your entry to Sheldon at Tennis@TheOahuClub.com by November 13th and include your full name, phone number, email address, and event(s) in which you would like to participate.

USTA League Information

Will the USTA leagues begin In January?

It is possible the Adult 40+ and Mixed 18+ leagues will begin in January. The C&C of Honolulu COVID Strategy allows "outdoor organized team sports" when we reach Tier 4. We are currently in Tier 2 and could conceivably move to Tier 3 in late November and finally Tier 4 in late December in time to start play in January 2021. At this point we are assuming these leagues will begin in January; let's keep our fingers crossed.

First captains' meeting of 2020 a success!

Thank you to Sheldon Kennell, our Tennis Director, and all the volunteer captains who participated in our October captains' meeting online; we had a good discussion of issues and truly appreciate all the input you provided. We were also able to introduce the new team creation process and decide which teams we will field for the first quarter of 2021. The next captains' meeting will be in January where we hope to be able to meet face-to-face instead of online.

Oahu Club teams for Jan~Mar 2021

Following our October captains' meeting, and based on availability of captains and players, it has been decided that the Oahu Club will field the following teams for the Adult 40+ and Mixed 18+ leagues that run from January thru March 2021. If you would like to play on one or more of these Social teams please contact the associated captain indicated in the table below.

2021 FIRST QUARTER TEAMS TABLE									
League	Match	Gender	NTRP	Roster	Match	Captain	Captain	Captain	Social or
Name	Day	M/W/X	Level	Min/Max	Format	Name	Email	Phone	Competitive
Adult 40+	Sat	W	3.0	7/16	1 Sng + 3 Dbl	Tamara Koermer	WhirlyGirlND@gmail.com	808-636-6507	Social
Adult 40+	Sat	W	3.5	7/16	1 Sng + 3 Dbl	Nanci Miller/Allison F.	NanciD.J35@gmail.com	808-271-7962	Social
Adult 40+	Sat	W	4.0	7/16	1 Sng + 3 Dbl	Joyce Kwok	JoyceYLKwok@gmail.com	808-223-0738	Social
Adult 40+	Sat	M	3.0	7/16	1 Sng + 3 Dbl	INSUFFICIENT PLAYERS	NO TEAM		Social
Adult 40+	Sat	M	3.5	7/16	1 Sng + 3 Dbl	Cam Yabsley	Cameron.Yabsley@hotmail.com	808-445-3454	Social
Adult 40+	Sat	M	4.0	7/16	1 Sng + 3 Dbl	Leonard Smothermon	L.E.Smothermon@gmail.com	808-366-9225	Social
Mixed 18+	Sun	X	6.0	6/16	3 Doubles	NO CAPTAIN	NO TEAM		Social
Mixed 18+	Sun	X	7.0	6/16	3 Doubles	Jane Cleland/Cynthia R.	Jane.Paradise@gmail.com	808-226-0638	Social
Mixed 18+	Sun	X	8.0	6/16	3 Doubles	Scott Reynolds	DSReynolds808@gmail.com	808-343-3968	Competitive
Mixed 18+	Sun	X	8.0	6/16	3 Doubles	Greg Cleland	GregoryCleland@gmail.com	808-223-5594	Social

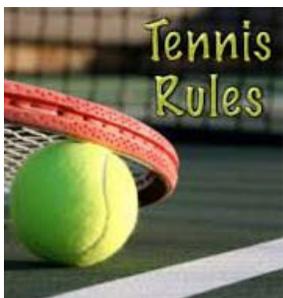
What is the difference between a Social and Competitive team?

Social teams welcome all players at their NTRP rating level with all levels of commitment and will provide equal match play time for each person based on their availability. A Competitive team will be recruited by captain invitation only, will require a serious commitment to practice/play, and may allocate match play time based on skill and winning record.

Calling all volunteer captains!

As can be seen from the team table above we were forced to cancel the Mixed 6.0 team because there was no captain available for that team. A second Men's 3.5 and a second Men's 4.0 teams were also considered -- though not listed in the table -- but were also cancelled due to a lack of captains. If you are willing to be a volunteer captain at any time in 2021 please contact Cameron or Greg; we are ready to guide new captains through the process from start to

finish. Please step up and volunteer; this is your chance to give back to the Oahu Club tennis community!



Rules Review

Do you know who is responsible for making the following calls? References are from the USTA "Friend At Court Handbook," ITF Rule #24, and The Code section 19.

1. Double bounces: the player that hits the ball after it bounces twice shall concede the point.
2. A player, his racket, or anything he is wearing or carrying touches any part of the net: the player that touches the net shall concede the point.
3. A player hits the ball before it crosses to his side of the net: the player that hits the ball shall concede the point. (He may follow through over the net but must make initial contact with the ball on his side of the net.)
4. A ball in play touches a player or anything he is wearing or carrying, except his racket: the player who touches the ball shall concede the point.

In all four cases it is the responsibility of the player making the infraction to concede the point; the opponent does not make the call. Remember that in tennis the benefit of doubt always goes to the opponent.

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