



Autumn TRIBAL Tennis RULES !!



1. ALL MATCHES ARE 17 GAMES. If a game reaches deuce, the following point will decide the game. At deuce, man serves to man and lady serves to lady. **The last game is a tiebreak.** Winner of tiebreak is first pair to 7 points or more with 2 point lead.

2. SCORING SYSTEM:

9 - 8 games victory = 1 point for winning Tribe!
10 - 7 games victory = 2 points for winning Tribe!
11 - 6 (or more) games victory = 3 points for winning Tribe!

3. IN THE FINALS on Thursday, October 19th, there will be a playoff between the winning Tribes of Wednesday and Thursday nights for 1st and 2nd places. The runner-up Tribes from both nights will play for 3rd and 4th places.

4. NEW! FUN! COMPETITIONS!! Aside from the TRIBAL FINALS competition, there will also be prizes for the Tribes with the **HIGHEST SCORE IN GAMES** from Wednesday and Thursday nights, and for the **BEST PAIRS SCORES** at each level (1, 2, 3 & 4). This means that if your Tribe is not in the final, you still have a chance to win!

5. ALL MATCHES MUST BE PLAYED ON TIME and on the evening specified. In exceptional circumstances, if both Tribal Chiefs agree, a game may be played before the specified date. **No game may be played after the specified date.**

6. PROMPT START OF PLAY IS ESSENTIAL in fairness to those playing later each evening. **Penalties for Late Play will be posted for your reference.** Penalties do not apply if you are subbing in game preceding your own game provided a) your own Tribal Chief must be informed or b) you must write this note on the appropriate score sheet before subbing.

7. FOUR COURTS WILL BE RESERVED from 6.30 pm Wednesdays & Thursdays. Please see score sheets for Court numbers.

Please be quiet and respectful of matches on adjacent courts as you enter or leave.

8. A SUBSTITUTE may only be drawn from the official substitutes list or from other teams at the same level or a lower level. Substitutes **should be arranged by the player** & then confirmed to the Tribal Chief. **A substitute drawn from the same level will be limited to a maximum score of two points** no matter what the result of the match, **except at level 4** where a maximum score of three points will apply. **Where a substitute is taken from a lower level, the actual score applies.**

9. HANDICAP: If two ladies play against a man and a lady, the **mixed pair will start at minus 15.** If the ladies win that game they **all** start next game at **love all.** If the **mixed pair** win a game, they (the mixed pair) start next game at **minus 15.** The handicap never goes above minus 15. This arrangement continues until tiebreak – **No advantage in the tiebreak.**

10. IF A PLAYER IS INJURED during a match, the match should be resumed using a substitute if possible.

11. IF THERE IS A TIE for 1st or 2nd place **between Tribes or Pairs,** the results of the match between the Tribes/Pairs involved shall be used to decide the winner of the Tribes/Pairs.

12. IF, DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER, a match or round of matches is deemed unplayable by the Referee, or by agreement of the Tribal Chiefs involved, then each match result shall be recorded as 9 - 8, the winner of 1 point being determined by the toss of a coin. If a match that is underway may not be completed due to inclement weather (providing a minimum of nine games have been played) the winning pair gain 1 point if there is a difference of one or two games, 2 points if there is a difference of three or four games, and 3 points if there is a difference of five or more games.

13. CHIEFS ARE RESPONSIBLE for returning their Tribe's results to the Tennis Mailbox across from the Caddy Master's desk after each night's play. Score sheets will be provided on the Tennis Board.

14. The decisions of the Referees are final! A minimum entry of 16 Players are required to allow an evening of matches – In event of less than 16 one evening of play will run for the duration.