

Cheval Athletic Club

LADIES' LEAGUE TENNIS RULES 2019

Challenge season begins April 15th and ends May 24th 2019
Wild Challenges- April 15th to May 5th, Intra from May 6th-24th.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. All Players representing Cheval Athletic Club in a Suncoast, Interbay, ALOT, USTA or any other League must be a Cheval Athletic Club member in good standing.
2. All Home and Visiting Team Players must check-in at the Front Desk prior to any play. Visiting team members and subs MUST sign the Cheval Liability waiver.
3. Non-members participating in a Cheval based Team must adhere to all Cheval Athletic Club Usage and Policies.
4. Non alcoholic beverages drink orders may be placed through the Cheval Athletic Club or brought from outside.. Alcoholic drinks will need to be purchased at the club ONLY.

DEFINITIONS:

The following definitions shall be used for the purpose of uniformity:

A **Partnership** shall be defined as two individuals forming a doubles tennis team.

A **Team** shall be defined as the whole of **Partnerships** registered with a League.

A **Returning Partnership** shall be defined as the previous season's **Rostered Partnership**.

A **Line-up** shall be defined as an **order** in which Partnerships are listed for the process of forming a League Team. The line-up shall start with position 1 and may contain **more** positions than needed for the final Team Roster.

A **Roster** shall be defined as the official line-up used to register a Team and its Players with a **League**.

FORMING A DOUBLES TEAM:

1. At the start of every new season, returning **Partnerships** shall remain on the roster and be placed in the line-up according to the order in which they finished the previous season. This line-up shall start with position 1 and continue until all returning Partnerships are listed.
2. Any returning **Players** forming new Teams shall be considered a **wild challenge** (refer definition to wild challenge) and will need to challenge in.
3. After all returning Partnerships are listed on the line-up, additional Partnerships may be added to the end of the line-up on a first come basis if there are open slots.
4. Returning Partnerships and returning Players shall have **one week** from the last match of the season to sign up for next season's Team in order to avoid being placed at the end of the line-up when all leagues have ended.

The Challenge System:

The Challenge System allows for making the strongest line-up for the Team and allows for returning Players as well as new Players to find a position on the Team.. It also allows for movement as Players improve or struggle.

A **“Wild” Challenge** is defined as a Challenge match placed anywhere on the line-up. This is designed to allow new Partnerships to earn a spot on the roster .A “Wild” Challenge can **only** be used by new Partnerships.

An **“Intra-Team”** Challenge is defined as a Challenge match that is played once the line-up has been set with the completion of the “wild” Challenges. This is designed to allow returning Partnerships and Players the opportunity to move up from a current position in the line-up. The Team Captain should let all Players know that the line-up has been set and the order of the line-up.

1. An existing Partnership may Challenge up to two positions above them in the line-up once “wild” Challenges have been exhausted.

1. The Challenging Partnership must contact the Challenged Partnership, inform the captain, and record the Challenge in the Cheval Athletic Club League logbook. This requires all challengers to email the challenge intent to the opponents, the captain and the tennis director. This is in addition to adding it in the log book at the club. A

match must be played within seven (7) days of receipt of the Challenge. If a match is not played, the Challenger is declared the winner. The ONLY reason for a Challenge to be postponed is due to unplayable courts.

2. To protect a Player's scheduled vacation time, (up to a maximum of 5 days) the Player must email the dates to the Tennis Director 2 weeks prior to the start of Challenge Season. If a Player is on a registered vacation, Challenges cannot be issued until the Player has returned.
3. If an injury occurs during a Challenge match, U.S.T.A. rules will be followed. U.S.T.A. rules allow for a ten-minute injury time out. If play does not commence after ten minutes, the injured team will lose by default.
4. If a **Challenged** Partnership must withdraw for any reason, including injury, the Challenge will be postponed for a grace period of up to seven (7) days of the initial Challenge. The Challenge match must be re-scheduled and completed within those seven (7) days. All challenges will however need to be completed by the required end date.
5. If a Challenging Partnership attempting to win a position in the line-up, withdraws for any reason at any time, including injury before or during the match, the Challenge WILL count.
6. A Partnership may not decline a Challenge for any reason. ALL Challenges must be played.
7. If a match is prevented from play due to inclement weather, it will be played on the next weather-permitting day agreeable to all parties.. The match will resume with match score, side and serve continuing where the rain caused the delay. The score, side, and serving order should be recorded in the Cheval Athletic Club logbook. If there is no agreeable date or the challenge period ends, then the existing line will remain on the roster and be declared the winner.
8. Unplayable courts shall result in a 2-day extension. If courts are unplayable again, the match shall be nullified.
9. A Challenge match must be recorded in the League Book at the Cheval Athletic Club front desk, emailed the captains and the Tennis Director and the match results shall be reported to the Team Captain, who shall then adjust the line-up accordingly. Captain will adjust the line-up after every challenge is completed and the roster emailed to all team members
10. No subs may be used for Challenges.
11. The Challenged Partnership has 48 hours to give the challenging Partnership three (3) possible playing dates and times with the intention of working with each Partnership to achieve a time best for all.
12. The Challenging Partnership provides a new can of tennis balls, reserves the court, and notifies the front desk personnel that the match is a Challenge match to ensure ample time for completion of the match.
13. A Match is considered the best two out of three sets.
14. No team can be challenged more than 2 times the entire challenge season.
15. Players are allowed 15 minutes tardiness. Failure to show up after 15 minutes will result in forfeiture.
16. All Challenges shall be completed by designated end date to accommodate the many challenges as the Team enters into a "quiet" time before the season begins. This is when practices, planning, and bonding should occur.

POSITION CHANGES DURING SEASON:

"Two Win/Two Loss" Rule: If one Partnership loses two consecutive matches with or without the use of a sub and the Partnership in the position below wins the simultaneous matches with or without the use of a sub, and including Defaults. This shall be mandatory, EXCEPT for the following:

1. When a match is not completed in entirety as a Team before the next scheduled match
2. When a position affects the movement from one Team to another (i.e.: Suncoast B vs. Suncoast A), the position 8 Partnership has the OPTION to switch positions at the A and B Team Captains' discretion.
3. A rained out match result will be counted according to the date first scheduled.
4. The captain may intervene on the rained out matches and to maintain the order of strength for position changes.
5. Position changes due to the above rule is mandatory unless both teams agree to a non-switch.

PARTNERSHIP LOSS/DISSOLUTION DURING SEASON:

1. If for any reason a Partnership loses one of its Players, the remaining Partner retains her current position and may choose a new Cheval member as a Partner to complete the regular season. If this new partnership decides they want to remain a partnership, then they must issue a WILD Challenge during the Challenge season.
2. In the situation where a Partnership dissolves during the playing season for any reason, and BOTH Players wish to remain on the Team, a Challenge match shall be played between the concerning Players. Each Player may find a new Cheval member as a Partner and Challenge the former Partner for the position. The winning Partnership retains the position. The losing Partnership must wait and Challenge on for the next season.

SUBSTITUTES:

1. Non-members of Cheval may be used as subs. Cheval subs should to be considered first. When a sub of similar ability cannot be found within the member sub list, then an outside sub may be used. Team Captains are to be notified of the use of a sub immediately.
2. When a sub is needed, it is solely the Partnership member's responsibility for finding her own sub and notifying the Team Captain of the sub's name immediately.
3. All Non-member subs must follow all rules of the Cheval Athletic Club at all times. INCLUDING signing the Cheval waiver before play.
4. All matches played with subs will count regardless of the result of match.

If an issue arises in the partnership, all attempts to resolve should be made. If unresolved, the partnership can approach the Captain to get the issue resolved. If its still unresolved, then the Captain should approach the Tennis Director for resolution.