

MANITOWOC RECREATION DEPARTMENT
ADULT TENNIS LEAGUE
Fall 2009

1. ORGANIZATION

- A. Leagues and Divisions - leagues will be separated by divisions based on ability, provided enough people enter.

Gold Division - Above 3.5 rating scale - above average ability

Blue Division - Above 3.0 - 3.5 rating scale - better than average

Green Division - Above 2.0 - 3.0 rating scale - average ability

Red Division - 1.0 - 2.0 rating scale - beginning ability

2. PLAYING RULES

Rules governing proper tennis etiquette and honor system are to be used in all instances.

- A. The first person listed on schedule indicates contact person, who is responsible to contact opponent and set up a time and location that is mutually agreeable to both players.
- B. Contacts must be made by the scheduled week of play. All matches should be played by the Sunday of the scheduled week unless undetermined circumstances (i.e. weather) should cause the rescheduling of a match. If not played, **both players** will be charged with the forfeit, unless verified that dates for play were arranged and the one party did not show up. In this case, the individual responsible for not making the arranged times will be charged with a forfeit.
- C. **Scores of matches must be reported to the Recreation Supervisor by calling 683-4533 or Emailing jcrees@manitowoc.org . THIS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BOTH PLAYERS. If scores are not reported by Monday morning at 9:00 a.m., both players will receive a forfeit (12 losses).**
- D. Only the five (5) northern courts at Lincoln Park may be reserved for play. Reservations may be made at the Recreation Department office. All other City courts cannot be reserved and are used on a first-come, first-served basis.
- E. Each person must have player registration card on file and player's fee handed in the Recreation Department office before their first match.

3. SCORING

- A. Each game will be the best of 7 points. The first person to score 4 points wins the game. Players switch sides on odd games - 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11.
- B. **The winner of a match shall be as follows: The winner of the match shall be the first person to win 12 games.**
- C. In the case of an 11-11 tie, the following tie-breaking procedure will be used: The first person to win 5 of 9 points will be the winner. This will count as one game and will result in a 12-11 win of the match. The following will be used: (assuming A vs. B); If it is A's turn to serve the 23rd game, A serves the first point from the right court; A serves the second point from the left court; B then serves two points. After the fourth point, players change sides. A then serves the next two points. If the score reaches 4 points apiece, B serves point 9 from right **or** left court at the election of the **receiver**.

4. STANDINGS

- A. Standings will be kept on a basis of total games won. First place will be decided by the highest accumulative total of games won. **
- B. To be eligible for a first place award , at least one-quarter of games won must have been actually played.

** In case of a tie, won-loss record in head to head competition will be the deciding factor.