

Germantown Country Club Compass Doubles Partners Draw Overview:

Introduction

Germantown Country Club is introducing a new Compass Draw Tournament. It is a women's doubles partner tournament that features a compass draw format to seed players, and organize matches. It is designed to give players competitive singles matches while maintaining the flexibility to work within everyone's schedule. There are five Women's divisions based on USTA ratings: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, and 4.5. No USTA rating is necessary...you can self rate...but no sandbaggers!

Overview

The compass draw tournament guarantees every team at least 3 matches. Teams contact each other and complete their match within a two-week period for each round. Every match you lose you goes to a different bracket, but if you win you stay in the main draw.

If you have ever played in our fall Harvest Classic Tournament it will be the exact same format.

The effects of this type of draw are that teams of similar skill levels tend to gravitate to the same bracket. This helps to keep matches competitive.

What is the play format?

Each player brings a NEW can of tennis balls (no junky Wal-Mart specials, please!). One can is opened and used during the match. Team play a traditional best of 3 set match - no championship tiebreaker instead of a third set! The winning team gets to keep the new, unopened can of balls. Think of it as a mini-trophy for winning the match

How do I find out who I play?

I will email everyone there who they are playing. When you find out who you are supposed to play then contact your opponent. We will provide a list of phone numbers and e-mail addresses of all players. Opponents are responsible for setting up and playing their match within a two-week period. BOTH TEAMS are responsible for contacting her opponent. Matches not played on time will result in a forfeit in the first round. Exceptions are only made when the coordinator (Natalie Clark) is informed before the deadline.

Where do we play our matches? The "home" team is the one who determines where the match will be played.

How do you determine who the "home" team is? The home player is always listed in bold.

How are scores reported? Either team can email the scores to the coordinator.

How much does this cost? The cost is \$28 per person.

When do we start? The tournament will typically start when all slots are filled.

Anything else I should know?

Yes. For this type of tournament to run smoothly, everyone must be conscientious about scheduling their matches and MUST be comfortable using e-mail and the internet. In many ways, this is largely a self-run tournament. If you don't respond promptly to e-mails or you don't know how to use the internet, or your schedule is too busy to complete matches within the two-week timeframe, please don't sign up!