

League Team Guidelines

League teams are intended to provide a supportive environment for recreational players in which team camaraderie, competitive challenge, sportsmanship, exercise and game improvement are fostered.

1. ALL TEAMS must gain club approval before registering with the USTA and ALL PLAYERS must contact the team captain before getting on a team roster.
 - a) We would like captains to rotate so that they captain no more than 2 years, same team.
 - b) Our teams should match the general competitive levels of our members. Members outside these parameters will be offered other options to enjoy their tennis at LM and beyond.
 - c) A minimum number of “committed” club members (meaning they can play in at least _ the matches) are required to field a healthy team. The ideal is twice the number of players required for a match. Some exceptions may be made at LM’s discretion.
 - d) Each team must be open to all club members with that rating and if the team is not full, players rated just below.
 - e) There will be a captain’s meeting to determine home dates & times for matches. We utilize the “waterfall system”.
 - f) A team may reserve up to 3 courts for a weekly practice. More courts may be used (but not reserved) if they are open at practice time.
2. If a team is not able to achieve the minimum roster number with club members, up to 2 non-members may be recruited after the USTA match schedules have been posted. (This does not apply if there are 2 LM teams at the same level.) Non-members must have Tennis Director’s final approval.
 - a) Non-member must pay a guest fee of \$50 which allows them to attend 1X/ week team practices and home matches at La Madrona ONLY during season.
 - b) Said non-member may play on a LM team only once.
3. Once a team is established, captains must see that each team member is guaranteed a minimum of 2 matches, assuming reasonable player availability. This need not apply to players or doubles combos whose ratings are below the team’s rating.
4. Team practices should be announced to all and may not exclude any team members, regardless of their rating or who they are paired with.
5. Line-ups, frequency of play for each player, “how competitive” a team shall be, challenges, practices, coaching, etc. shall be established by team decision. Team coaching, outfits, and practices may be offered and organized but not required in order to participate on a team.