

2/4/19 - Tennis Committee Meeting

Attendees: Jeff Birkenseer, Amy Taylor, Mark Plaskon, Jacquie Osterman, Chris Horne, Jamie Papadimos, Amy See, Kent Castle, Jennifer Holmes, Janet Bosnich

Proposed Slate of captains for 18+ season was approved unanimously:

M3.5-Tassos Papadimos

M4.0-Rob Ahearn

M4.0-Will Chamberlain

M4.5-Jeff Birkenseer

M4.5-John Honey

M5.0-Jeff Birkenseer

W3.5-Gayle Gaston

W3.5-Molie Malone/Elena Vince

W4.0- Christina Wang

W4.0-Norma Brewer/Jennifer Merrill-Palethorpe

Discussion of outside players: Kent thinks there should be different rules for different levels.

Several members of the committee were absent, so we'll take a vote at a later time. We are aware the Board will be meeting before then. There is definitely more discussion to be had.

Here are the 2 choices:

Rule idea change idea: no outside members on 3.5 or 4.0 teams, including singles. If one is needed, either for singles or to make a viable team, then the captain needs to ask the TC for approval to add this player (or an agreed upon "vetting committee"). If this rule is adopted, it needs to be made clear who is in charge of "vetting" the players. Also, who will alert the captains to the rule change, and who will be in charge of getting the vote of the TC.

Or, keep the rule the same, which is to allow 4 outside players per team across the board.

Sidebar commentary:

- A. This "outside player" rule is not in place to create "ringer" teams.
- B. Sometimes, outside players make it possible to have 2 teams at a level, which gives more club members opportunities to play.
- C. A large portion of the membership really wants to only play on competitive teams and we risk them "going elsewhere" to play USTA.
- D. Part of this issue is related to abuse of the guest policy. Outside members have been observed taking advantage of MTC. The members bringing the same guest(s) repeatedly has to be addressed/policed.
- E. Guest players have become defacto "members", and while MTC membership is full, having a waitlist is beneficial. An outside 4.0 singles player just joined last week (Matt). Also, Thomas Chang, Francie Burkhart, and Norma Brewer have all joined in the past few months, in large part to their ongoing visits to MTC through USTA leagues.

- F. Captains who abuse the guest policy need to be informed of the rules so they can help be part of the solution not the problem.

The TC seems to be all in agreement that the \$35 fee for non-MTC members to play on MTC teams is for USTA matches ONLY. Any other time these people come to MTC, they have to pay the guest fee and they cannot come more than is allotted for any guest. Being on a team does not give unlimited access to MTC.