

SaddleBrooke Tennis Club's OPUS Management

OPUS (Organized Play Using Scoring)

General Description

- Open to all players who are STC members (5.0, 4.5, 4.0, 3.5, 3.0, 2.5, and 2.0) and who wish to participate in a "scoring" system to determine ladder positioning which will result in evenly matched games for participating players.
- Men's and ladies' OPUS may be played year-round. Schedules will vary depending on player demand and seasonal weather. Check with the STC office for current OPUS days and times.
- Scoring and ladder position will be CONFIDENTIAL information used only by the OPUS Monitors.
- Your OPUS scoring will in NO way affect your STC Ranking.

Registering as an OPUS Player

- To participate in OPUS, call or stop by the STC office and ask to have the "O" added to your name on the STC member list.
- You are encouraged to commit to playing a minimum of three OPUS weeks to allow time for the computer scoring to more accurately reflect your level of play.
- There will be a confidential original seeding process to determine ladder positioning based on your STC ranking.
- A player wishing to withdraw from the OPUS program may do so at any time.

Sign-Ups

- Log into the STC system and sign up as you would for any Organized Play session.
- You may not "link" with another player.
- Check the STC website the day before your OPUS match to find out your court assignment.
- All players, both OP and OPUS, will be assigned matches, as usual, by the order in which they sign up with no priority given to one group or the other.

Matches

- Court assignment is based on your OPUS ladder position, the court you played on last week, and the players with whom you played last week.
- STC will post the court assignments as usual. You will play a round robin with each of the players on the court, starting with whomever the STC website for OP has you matched. After your first set, spin to determine order of play. You might not finish the 3rd set, but **you will still record the scores.**
- If all players on the court wish to play beyond the 2-hour OP window, and if the court is available, you are welcome to do so, but normally play ends at the 2-hour window.
- Scoring: If the game score is 40-40, continue playing deuce/ad until one team wins. If the set score is 6-6, play a 7-point Coman tiebreaker (first to 7 by a margin of 2).

COMAN RULES: The player whose turn it is to serve shall serve the first point from the deuce court. After the first point, the players shall change ends, and the following two points shall be served by the opponents (the player of the opposing team due to serve next) starting from the ad court.

After this, each player/team shall serve alternately for two consecutive points (starting from the ad court); changing ends after every four points, until reaching 7 by a margin of 2 or continuing until earning a margin of 2 points to end the tiebreak game.

Switch sides after points 1,5,9,13..... and at the conclusion.

Principal Advantages to a Coman Tiebreaker: Fairness – By changing ends more frequently, the effects of the elements (sun, wind, etc.) are distributed more evenly between the two opponents. In doubles, the server will always serve from the same end of the court that he/she did during the set.

- If the clock runs out before the end of the set, or if the court conditions are unplayable, the score will be posted as-is at the time the session ended.
- "Retiring Players":
 - If a pair "retires" (leaves the court) prior to the finish of the set for any reason other than the clock running out or unplayable conditions, the reported score will be as follows for that set:
 - If the non-retirees are ahead, the score will stand as-is in the unfinished set.
 - If the retirees are ahead, the score for the unfinished set will not be entered into the computer.
 - If the clock runs out before the end of the set, or if the court conditions are unplayable, the score will be posted as-is at the time the session ended.

Score Sheets

- **One signed OPUS match score sheet per court** will be turned in to the Ladies' or Men's OPUS box provided at the Tennis Center as soon as possible after the match.
- These scores will be used to re-calculate your position in the ladder and help to determine your next match play. Each week this process will be repeated.
- If scores are not turned in, your position will not change on the ladder, and you may be assigned to courts with players at a non-competitive level. If you want to advance on the OPUS ladder, you will need to turn in your weekly scores.
- These scores will NOT be counted toward your Provisional status totals or averages if you are registered as a Provisional (P) player. However, any Provisional player may participate in OPUS.

Rankings

- Your OPUS ladder position is calculated using a computerized mathematical formula including, but not limited to, your STC ranking, your previous week's percent of games won and your overall percent of games won.
- Scores, rankings and ladder positioning are used in determining your next match and are **CONFIDENTIAL**. Only the STC OPUS Monitors setting the match utilize or see these scores.
- Again, ladder positioning is confidential and is not posted or shared with any other players.
- Your OPUS scoring will in NO way affect your STC ranking.