



2015 Summer Adult Tennis League Information

2015 League Information

March 2015



The Bloomington Parks and Recreation Division will begin accepting registrations for the 2015 Summer Tennis season Friday, March 27. This season, Bloomington is offering two Men's Doubles Leagues and a Mixed Doubles League. Play begins in June and continues through August. For all league details, see page 2.

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2015 League Fees

Men's or Mixed Doubles Leagues
\$95.00/team + tax = **\$101.91***

*Doubles Fees include scheduling of courts, tennis balls and awards for the league champions.

REGISTRATION PERIOD

Doubles Leagues

Returning Team priority registration deadline is **Friday, April 17**

New Team Registration: **Begins Monday, April 20** based on availability on a first come, first registered basis.

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Deadline for all doubles teams is Friday, May 8

For registration details, see page 3.

2015 General League Information

Each team will play two matches per night. First to win 10 games wins the match. League standings are determined by the total number of games won throughout the season, not by match record. League standings determine the seeding for the end of the year league tournament, which is held the last two weeks of the season.

2015 Match Schedule

- * **Doubles** League Play begins on Monday June 1
- * No **doubles** matches will be scheduled on June 29 and 30

2015 Men's Doubles Leagues

Both leagues will be held at the **Dred Scott Tennis Courts** on a designated night each week from 6:30—8:30 pm. Players must consider their NTRP rating when registering for the leagues.

Monday Intermediate Doubles League: June 1—August 24 **Tuesday Advanced Doubles League: June 2—August 25**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined NTRP rating of team members may NOT exceed 7.5 • No matches played on June 29 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined NTRP must be 8.0 or above • No matches played on June 30 |
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2015 Mixed Doubles League

The league will be held at the **Dred Scott Tennis Courts** on Tuesday nights from 6:30-8:30pm.

Tuesday Mixed Doubles League: June 2—August 25

- Teams consist of one male player and one female player
- League is open to players of all ability levels, but please include NTRP rating on registration sheet
- No matches played on June 30

2015 Adult Tennis Registration Information

To register for a tennis league, **each player** will need to take the following steps:

1. Completely fill out the registration form. Please list your partner's name in the space provided. Note that **both players on a doubles team must submit their own signed registration sheet for the team to be registered for a league**, regardless of whether team members are paying individually or having one player submit a check for both players. If you would like to register as a substitute for a league, please write "SUB" next to the league title (no payment is required to be a substitute). Registrations will not be accepted if the registration form is not completely filled out.
2. Return completed registration form and **full payment** to the Parks and Recreation Office. Returning team priority registration period closes at 4:30 PM on **Friday, April 17**. After that date, new teams can register for leagues on a first come, first serve basis, until **Friday, May 8**.

Courts can be used on a first come, first play basis if they have not been reserved for use by a group. The cost to reserve a court is \$6.75/hour plus tax

COURT LOCATIONS

**Dred Scott Tennis Courts
10820 Bloomington Ferry Road**

**Visit the City website for a listing of all Bloomington Tennis Courts
www.BloomingtonMN.gov**

DOUBLES MATCH INFORMATION

The first match will begin at 6:30, with the second match beginning within 15 minutes of the completion of first match. A match will be considered a forfeit if both team members are not present within 15 minutes of the scheduled match time. Subs are allowed if a team member is not able to attend a regular season match. Lighted courts and new tennis balls will be provided each league night.

Women's League information can be found on the City's website. Questions can be directed to BloomingtonWomensTennisLeague@hotmail.com

IMPORTANT—MANDATORY PRESEASON TENNIS MEETINGS

Participants are required to attend the preseason informational meeting.

The meeting should be brief, and league information will be distributed at the meeting. The meeting will be held in the McLeod Conference Room on **Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00pm** at the Bloomington Civic Plaza:

1800 W. Old Shakopee Rd
Bloomington, MN 55431





CITY OF BLOOMINGTON 2015 TENNIS REGISTRATION FORM

PLAYER INFORMATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY & ZIP: _____

PHONE: (h) _____

(w) _____ (c) _____

EMAIL: _____

New Member Returning Member

NTRP RATING: _____ (Ratings will be verified)

PARTNER (doubles only) I need a partner

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY & ZIP: _____

PHONE: (h) _____

(w) _____ (c) _____

EMAIL: _____

New Member Returning Member

NTRP RATING: _____ (Ratings will be verified)

DOUBLES TEAM NAME:

Check any leagues you'd like to register for. To be a sub (no payment required), write "SUB"

*Registration deadline for all doubles teams is **Friday, May 8**; Returning Team priority deadline is **Friday, April 17**.*

_____ **Men's Intermediate Doubles League** *(Combined NTRP rating of team may not exceed **7.5**), *LIMIT 12 Teams*
Mondays, 6:30-8:30p.m. at *Dred Scott Courts*. \$95.00/team + tax = **\$101.91**

_____ **Men's Advanced Doubles League** *(This league is for teams with combined NTRP rating of **8.0 or Above**)
***4.5 & 5.0 Women may also play in this league, *LIMIT 12 Teams*
Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30p.m. at *Dred Scott Courts*. \$95.00/team + tax = **\$101.91**

_____ **Mixed Doubles League** *(One male and one female per team, no rating requirements) *LIMIT 12 Teams*
Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30p.m. at *Dred Scott Courts*. \$95.00/team + tax = **\$101.91**

Each player and partner must turn in a separate signed registration form. Please include your partner's name if you are registering for a doubles league. Registrations will not be processed without the completed registration form, full payment and signatures from each player. Checks are payable to *City of Bloomington*

**Please mail form to: Attn: Adult Tennis League, Bloomington Parks and Recreation
1800 W Old Shakopee Rd
Bloomington, MN 55431**

Waiver

I understand that participation in activity or program is completely voluntary and that the activity or program being offered is for the betterment of the participant. The City of Bloomington shall not be liable for any claims, injuries, or damages, of whatever nature, incurred by the participant which are directly or indirectly attributable to the negligence, whether passive or active, of the City of Bloomington, their agents and employees, arising out of, or in connection with the activity or programs. On behalf of myself, I expressly release and discharge the City of Bloomington, their agents or employees from any such claims, injuries or damages. I also understand this waiver includes any injuries that may result from the condition of facility used in the activity or program.

Release Agreement

City of Bloomington takes pictures, slides and videos of participants enjoying the activities for use in marketing and promotion of the programs. If I do not grant permission, I will send a letter to the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Division expressing my wishes.

Data Privacy Act/Tennessean Warning

According to the Minnesota Data Privacy Act, some of the information you provide on this form may be classified as private data. Private data is available to you but not the public. If you do not provide this data, you are not eligible to play in the City of Bloomington Adult Athletic Leagues. The data may be released to the Minnesota Sports Federation, the Minnesota Recreation and Parks Association, the Recreational Sports Officials Association and City Bloomington staff for the purpose of administering the league.

SIGNATURE

DATE

The City of Bloomington does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its services, programs, or activities. Upon request, accommodation will be provided to allow individuals with disabilities to participate in all City of Bloomington services, programs, and activities. Upon request, this information can be available in Braille, large print, audio tape and/or computer disk.

NATIONAL TENNIS RATING PROGRAM (NTRP) LEVEL INFORMATION

NTRP LEVEL: 1.5

This player has had limited experience with stroke development and is still working primarily on getting the ball into play. This player is not yet ready to compete.

NTRP LEVEL: 2.0

This player needs on-court experience, with an emphasis on play. This player struggles to find an appropriate contact point, needs stroke development/lessons and is not yet familiar with basic positions for singles and doubles.

NTRP LEVEL: 2.5

This player is learning to judge where the ball is going when receiving the ball, although movement and recovery are not in sync. Can sustain a rally of slow pace with other players of similar ability and is beginning to develop strokes. This player is becoming more familiar with the basic positions for singles and doubles. This player is ready to play social matches, leagues and low-level tournaments.

Potential limitations: grip weaknesses; not attempting full swing on serve; inconsistent toss on serve; limited transitions to net.

NTRP LEVEL: 3.0

This player is fairly consistent when hitting medium-paced shots, but is not comfortable with all strokes and lacks execution when trying for directional control, depth, pace or altering distance of shots. Most common doubles formation is one up, one back.

Potential limitations: consistency when applying or handling pace; difficulty handling shots “outside of their strike zone”; can be uncomfortable at the net.

NTRP LEVEL: 3.5

This player has achieved improved stroke dependability with directional control on moderate shots, but still lacks depth, variety and the ability to alter distance of shots. The effective use of lobs, overheads, approach shots, and volleys is limited due to a lack of confidence. This player is more comfortable at the net, has improved court awareness, and is developing teamwork in doubles.

Potential limitations or strengths: “This is the level at which it begins to be about what skills a player can display on court, not what they can’t.” Players at this level may start to utilize mental skills related to concentration, tactics and strategy.

NTRP LEVEL: 4.0

This player has dependable strokes, including directional control, depth and the ability to alter distance of shots on both forehand and backhand sides during moderately paced play, plus the ability to use lobs, overheads, approach shots, and volleys with more success. This player occasionally forces errors when serving. Rallies may be lost due to impatience. Teamwork in doubles is evident.

Potential strengths: less likely to beat themselves; more dependable second serve; recognizes opportunities to finish points.

NTRP LEVEL: 4.5

This player has begun to vary the use of pace and spins, has good movement, can control distance and depth of shots, and is beginning to develop game plans according to strengths and weaknesses. This player can hit the first serve with power and accuracy and can place the second serve. This player tends to over hit on difficult shots. Aggressive net play is common in doubles.

Potential strengths: points are won and lost off the serve more often; better able to cover weaknesses; beginning to develop a weapon around which their game can be built.

NTRP LEVEL: 5.0

This player has good shot anticipation and frequently has an outstanding shot or attribute around which their game can be structured. This player has the confidence to regularly hit winners or force errors off of short balls and can put away volleys, can successfully execute lobs, drop shots, half volleys, overheads, and has good depth and spin on most second serves.

Potential strengths: better decision making; covers and disguises weaknesses well; mentally tougher, but can still break down in stress situations.

NTRP LEVEL: 5.5

This player has developed pace and/or consistency as a major weapon. This player can vary strategies and styles of play in competitive situations and hit dependable shots in stress situations.

Potential strengths: can hit offensively at any time; can vary strategies and styles of play in competitive situations; first and second serves can be depended upon in stress situations.

NTRP LEVEL: 6.0 - 7.0

The 6.0 player typically has had intensive training for national tournaments or top level collegiate competition, and has obtained a national ranking. The 6.5 and 7.0 are world-class players.