



Welcome to “Sets in the City|Cowtown, presented by Blue Mesa Grill,” the Fort Worth Tennis Association’s (FWTA) COED social tennis program for young professionals!

The FWTA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, a local, volunteer-based Community Tennis Association of the United States Tennis Association and USTA Texas Section. We have been developing and promoting tennis in our Fort Worth community since 1958.

## The Program

“Sets in the City|Cowtown” is a COED social tennis program which allows young professionals an opportunity to play tennis in a relaxed format, enjoying a little exercise while meeting new people. The purpose is for *all* registered players to play each week, whenever available to do so. The “league organizer” is the Fort Worth Tennis Association (FWTA).

Players do not need to be USTA members to participate. There are two possible levels of play: Intermediate/Advanced and Beginner/Intermediate. Players select their level of experience by choosing: Beginner/Intermediate or Intermediate/Advanced. Teams are randomly assigned players unless the player/s have requested to play with others. Every effort is made to accommodate requests, but it is not always possible to do so. Full teams consist of 3 women and 3 men.

Each TEAM must designate a CAPTAIN and a CO-CAPTAIN. Captains and co-captains are responsible for creating the line-up and notifying teammates of the line-up by the end of Sunday the weekend before each match. Players should communicate availability to the captain and co-captain as early as possible, before the line-up is announced. ***Please contact your captain or co-captain with any questions about match play or rescheduling of any matches, not the league organizer.***

“Sets” is a self-regulated program. All disputes should be handled amicably between opposing teams, following the guidelines in the “Friend at Court,” the rules of tennis play in the U.S. *Sportsmanship* and *fun* are the over-riding principles of play!

## Format and Order of Play

Each match consists of TWO teams (Home/Away) competing against each other on ONE court at the TCU Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center (3609 Bellaire Drive North, FW 76109; phone 817.257.7960) on Wednesday evenings. **Matches begin PROMPTLY at 6:30 p.m.** Warm-up for the first match should begin at 6:15 and play starts at 6:30 p.m. There are two seasons per year: SPRING and FALL.

**Due to limited court availability, each match is allocated 1 court. Play is sequential. Order of play is Women’s Doubles, followed by Men’s Doubles, followed by Mixed Doubles.**

*Captains may change the order of play ONLY IF both captains agree before the match starts.*

Players should show up for their matches 15 minutes before the match to warm up. Default match time is 15 minutes after the scheduled start time, and each subsequent match should start immediately, but NO LATER THAN 15 minutes after the previous one finishes.

Warm-ups are limited to 15 minutes, but only IF all players are present at least 15 minutes before their line of play should begin.

*A SUB is a non-registered player who has provided their name and contact info to the league organizer. Teams should use these subs first whenever possible, before finding other subs. SUBs may be used ONLY IF a team would default a line. Registered players have the first opportunity to play. It is possible for 2 women and 2 men to play all 3 lines, but all registered players who are available should play each match. In the event of a playoff to determine a league champion, SUBs are not allowed to play. All players must be registered members of a team to participate in a playoff.*

*Registered players may be added during the season, if needed, before the 4<sup>th</sup> match is scheduled, but only IF a registered player has to drop out permanently.*

Balls and court fees are provided by your program organizer. Balls will be provided for all matches to each captain at the first match. HOME captains are responsible for providing these balls, with 1-2 cans allocated per match.

*(TCU students must provide student ID at the pro desk when checking in for a match. Since TCU students do not pay court fees, a portion of these fees will be refunded at end of the season.)*

## Scoring

- NEW: 6 game set (first to 6 games wins)
- NO AD. In Men's or Women's Doubles, the receiving team picks the side they wish to receive serve. In Mixed Doubles, the serve is gender to gender (e.g. men serve to men, women serve to women).
- Use 7-pt tiebreak when games are tied at 6 all. (Tiebreak counts as 1 game for scoring purposes.)
- At the end of the season, GAMES WON will be tallied to determine champion and finalist teams, followed by MATCHES WON to resolve a possible tie. If still tied in a single flight season, playoff match will be scheduled. If a season has separate flights, a playoff is always used to determine champion/finalist.

The HOME captain is responsible for reporting scores within 24 HOURS of the END OF THE MATCH excluding last match of season which must be reported immediately following the match.

The HOME captain reports score with team name OR captain name and GAMES WON for each line, and then MATCH WINNER. *Captains should review with each other at end of each match **before** leaving the courts.*

### **EXAMPLE:**

Subject line: No Love vs Evans, Match #3, played 10/7/15)

Men's Doubles: Federer/Roddick (No Love) defeated Bryan/Bryan (Evans) 6-3  
Women's Doubles: Hingis/Mirza (Evans) defeated Williams/Williams (No Love) 7-6  
Mixed Doubles: Agassi/Graf (No Love) defeated McEnroe/Evert (Evans) 6-0

Number of GAMES WON: No Love 19, Evans 9  
MATCH WINNER: No Love

## Match Re-Scheduling

When weather causes a cancellation of a regularly scheduled Wednesday evening match, opposing captains are responsible for scheduling any make-up match *before* the end of the regular season. The regular season's last match must be completed within 5 days of the end of season.

Captains should communicate with players, whenever possible, about a possible weather cancellation only when the weather is obviously a "rain-out." Otherwise, players should expect to show up at the courts on time and wait at least 1 hour before cancelling a match.

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