

Dear Captains,

We wanted to make you aware of the plans for our Fall 2020 season. I know that we have many players who are anxious to get back out on the courts with their teams. But additionally, we know we have many players who have concerns about the current health situation and may want to delay returning to the tennis courts until things are better under control. Our goal is to make this next season easy for both groups of players.

We will have a Fall 2020 season for those who wish to play. This season will be a “non competitive” season, in that future team placement will not be affected by the results of this season. All teams will be placed in the flight where they were placed at the beginning of the Spring 2020 season when they return. Team placement will not be affected by either the partial results from Spring 2020 or the full results of Fall 2020.

Teams for this season who have players who are not comfortable coming back yet are free to replace roster players with subs who do want to play. Teams also may combine. For example, if a club has two teams with players who are interested in playing, they can combine to form one team for this next season. Players who are not yet ready to come back can then go on the sublist to play later in the season when they are more comfortable. Again, the team’s placement as a returning team will not be affected. The rosters and placement as of the beginning of the Spring 2020 season will be used when we return to normal play.

The season start is being delayed to allow more time for school situations to resolve and for players to determine if they are ready to come back to team tennis. The dates for this season will be as follows:

Late August: All teams must inform their club rep of their plans to return for the Fall. New teams must prepare new team paperwork. Check with your club rep for the exact deadline for your club

September 8: Teams will be placed for the Fall season

September 21: Larger flights will begin play this week

September 28: Smaller flights will begin play this week

We have attached a list of rule adjustments that will be in place for this Fall season. Importantly, there will be no sub penalties this season. We also will not impose the “double default” rule. We know that situations may change as the season progresses, so we will stay very flexible to adapt to changing circumstances.

Please review this and speak with your team. Let your club rep know of any questions you may have. And let your club rep know your plans for Fall as soon as you have decided.

Hoping for a fun and relaxing season for all of us. We certainly could use it.

Susan Cippelle and the WTTA Board

