

Dear Club Reps & Pros:

It's time to start planning the 2016 Fall season.

The **regular season** will start **Thursday September 22**.

The playoffs will be the weeks of December 5 and 12.

Deadline for submission of Fall teams is **Tuesday September 6** (by noon please).

The Annual Fall PSRA Meeting is scheduled for 6:30PM on Thursday September 8 at the Cynwyd Club.

Please note the itinerary will include:

Opinions and decisions about what to do with the dwindling Mixed Doubles League

How to handle defaults and playoff positions.

The restart of the Penn State Mixed tournament with addition of Austral Ball singles draws.

The live calendar, including league information, is posted on the PSRA website (www.phillyboast.org).

Also, please note that **the Age Group Tournament has been moved up to November 4-6, and now includes Singles draws.**

Also, please note that **we will run the Penn State Mixed Doubles tournament Dec 2-4, and will include Austral Ball Singles draws that weekend as well.**

As a reminder, the following is the weekly schedule for the Fall season:

Mondays – 60+ Doubles

Tuesdays – Vet (40+) Doubles, A Singles

Wednesdays – Mixed BC Doubles and B Singles

Thursdays – Senior (50+) Doubles, Mixed AB Doubles, C Singles

Singles

A teams are comprised of 3 players per match.

B and C are comprised of 4 players per match.

Doubles

Mixed AB, Mixed BC and 60+ Doubles rosters must list at least 4 players per team. Regular season and playoffs are comprised of 2 matches.

Vets and Seniors doubles rosters must have at least 6 players listed per team. Regular season matches are comprised of 2 matches and playoffs are comprised of 3 matches.

Please observe the rule for the number of doubles teams a club can submit per night: 1 doubles court equals 2 teams (2 pairs per team).

Teams must be able to play on specified league night. Please have enough subs so all matches will be played on the scheduled night.

Correct roster submissions are requested so teams can be placed accurately- pros and reps must do their homework before submitting teams or teams will not be accepted.

We will not make phone calls to confirm names and get required information.

Rosters must be accurate and must include a captain for each team with correct phone numbers and email address **for the captain only**.

Attached is an Excel template to submit your rosters, each league has a tab. Please complete each tab for each league.

Again, deadline for submitting rosters with complete contact info (email and phone) for each captain is **Tuesday September 6 at 12 noon.**

Please note that based on prior results, teams may be moved up or down between levels.

Based on last year's results the league committee makes the following recommendations (subject to what teams are submitted for the upcoming season):

Vet 1 Doubles – Germantown 1 (Rux) moves down to Vet 2.

Vet 2 Doubles – Philly Cricket 2 (Madzin) moves up to Vet 1.

Senior 1 Doubles - Berwyn 1 (Sanchez) moves down to Seniors 2.

Senior 2 Doubles - Gwynedd (Hlebig) moves up to Seniors 1.

Submitted teams will be reviewed by the league committee.

The PSRA website (www.phillyboast.org) has the link for the results from previous seasons. Go to Leagues and click on Prior Seasons or click on [2015 Fall League Winners](#) to view last winter's results.

We are suggesting to use the following US Squash ratings as a guideline for submission of singles players:

A - 4.25 and above

B - 3.50 - 4.50 (Number 1 spot may be up to a rating of 4.75 as of the start of season)

C - up to 3.75 (Number 1 spot may be up to a rating of 4.00 as of the start of season)

Please note that the overlapping of the ratings ranges above is intentional, and meant to allow for some flexibility when choosing a level for a player to play in.

Please check the ratings of your players to make sure they are eligible.

All players must be current members and must remain so throughout the season.

PSRA membership now corresponds to your rolling membership date through US Squash.

Matches played by non-members will be defaulted and the team may not be eligible for the playoffs.

Captains are expected to monitor their team players.

Please review the Playing Rules posted at the PSRA website for full clarification.

Please be advised that **strokes** in both singles and doubles and the coming around for doubles do apply to all league play.

There should never be discussion on whether or not these are played.

They are the rules so they apply to all play.

If you need any clarifications--- please see your pro or refer to the US Squash website.

In all leagues, each player must play at least 2 matches during the regular season schedule in order to qualify for playoffs. Matches defaulted by the player do not count. Matches defaulted to the player DO count.

Players may **only play for one team** within any one league.

Please note that Vet1 and Vet2 doubles leagues count as one league, so may only play on one Vet 1 team or one Vet 2 team.
Same for Senior doubles.

In leagues where there are (A/B/C) levels, players may **sub up to a higher level 3 times** before they are no longer eligible for the lower level.

In the Fall this includes A, B and C Singles and Mxd-AB and Mxd-BC Doubles.

Please also note that all doubles games are played as No-Set, i.e. play to 15.

There is one last item to discuss: DEFAULTS - We have encouraged clubs to have enough players per team to eliminate defaults.

Please note that the following is from the [League Playing Rules](#):

18. Any team that defaults 25% or more of their individual matches during the season will not be eligible to win its league and shall not participate in league playoff competition.

The ranking committee will also look to limit the numbers of teams that the offending club submits. Please make sure that you are committing to play – not just be on the roster.

Please send all rosters to Julie AND Ken.

If the above hyperlink does not work for you, just copy and paste the following into the "To:" field :

" kdjpsra@comcast.net;julie.kessler@lifefitness.com "

Any questions you can email either Julie or Ken, as well.

Thanks,

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League and Rankings Committee Chair

Ken Jaffe
League Recorder