

2021-2022
SPRING PLAYOFFS RULES

The rules below highlighted in **RED** have been modified or added this year

*****PLAYOFFS*****

The current standings are posted on the website. It is the responsibility of the Team Captain to ascertain what position their team is in for the playoffs.

All rules of the regular season shall apply

At the conclusion of the regular season (week ending March 30th & 31st), playoffs will begin the following week.

PLAYOFF MATCHES WILL BE HELD ON:

April 6th & 7th

April 13th & 14th

April 27th & 28th (only for Divisions with 3, 5 or 6 teams)

1. For those Divisions with 6 teams (Aces, 2B, 3A), the following **PLAYOFF** schedule applies:*

Teams in position 1 & 2 will have a BYE the first round.

First round: 3 vs. 6

4 vs. 5

Second round: Team in position #1 play the lowest ranked team of 1st round

Team in position #2 play the second lowest ranked team of 1st round

Final Round: Winners of Second round play each other for Championship

2. For those Divisions with 5 teams (Champs & 1A) the following **PLAYOFF** schedule applies: *

Teams in position 1, 2 & 3 get a BYE the first round

First round: 4 vs. 5

Second round: Team in position #1 play winner of 4 vs. 5

Team in position #2 plays team in position #3

Final round: Winners of Second round play each other for Championship

3. For those Divisions with 4 teams (1B & 2A) the following **PLAYOFF** schedule applies: *

First round: 1 vs. 4
2 vs. 3

Final round: Winners of First round play each other for Championship
Losers of First round play each other

4. For Division 3B, there will only be a **FINAL** round:

Final round: 1st place vs. 2nd place (taking place on April 27th)

*If teams are tied at the conclusion of the season, the tie will be broken in the following manner:

1. Head to head.
2. Number of sets won.
3. Number of games won

5. The highest-ranking team will have home court advantage and should try to have courts available for play on designated dates.

6. A player is eligible for the playoffs if she is a rostered member of that team and has participated in at least three (3) matches during the regular season for that team and is a dues paying member. A team is allowed to use TWO (2) Divisional substitutes from a lower division during the playoffs to avoid a default when all other eligible players are not able to play. The divisional sub is only allowed to be on one playoff roster. If a divisional sub is used in a match in a higher division, they will only be eligible to play on that roster of the higher division for the remainder of the playoffs.

7. An exception to Rule 3 may be made due to outstanding circumstances such as an injury or unexpected illness. Any exception must be made with a majority of a full MITA Board vote.

8. Each qualifying team must submit a lineup via email to the coordinator by the Monday before the match (April 4th, 11th & 25th) . The playoff lineup form is available on the MITA website. Playoff lineups should include the 6 rostered players, along with 2 alternates. Alignment must be according to strength.

9. 1 1/2 hr matches = 2 out of 3 sets, switch on odd games, no ad scoring, receiver's choice. At 6-All, play a 5 pt tiebreak. The team ahead by at least 2 games in a set, wins that set. Finish the game in progress at the buzzer. If the match is incomplete or you split sets, count the total games played to determine the winner. If ahead by one (1) game, you are declared the winner. In the event the match is tied exactly after games have been counted, a 10 pt super tiebreak (first to 10 by a margin of 2) will be played by the tied position only.

10. 2 hr matches = 2 out of 3 sets, switch on odd games, play out deuce point. At 6-All, play a 5 pt tiebreak. Finish game in progress at buzzer. At buzzer, if team is ahead by 2 games, they win that set. If at the buzzer, the game that is being finished determines a split match, then a 10 pt. SUPER tiebreak should be played to determine the WINNER of the match.

11. All lineups will be checked for eligibility, alignment and legality and confirmed by the coordinator prior to each match.

12. Sufficient court time must be reserved for all playoff matches to allow for completion

Individual prizes will be awarded at the closing banquet to the captains of all the teams
Individual prizes will also be awarded to the Season Playoff Champions

Scores of each playoff match must be reported to the coordinator immediately following each match via e-mail to Nancy Froio @ MITATENNIS@comcast.net

Failure to report scores by the home team could result in a default to the home team

Thank you and good luck!!

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