



PRTC Tournament/Scrambles Guidelines

Format:

The Round Robin Tournament is a fairly popular format and the idea is for each team to play against as many of the other teams as possible, given the available amount of time and the number of teams and their player levels. This allows for a wide variety of opponents, and as opposed to an elimination tournament the teams can see how they match up with most, if not all of the other teams. Based on the number of participants and player levels, the round robin format can be broken up into "pools". A pool is a group of teams that will play round robin and the winner of each pool will usually face off in a championship final match. Depending on the number of players, teams can play 4, 6 or 8 games with no ad scoring. (No advantage scoring, which can be implemented at either the first or second instance of deuce, allows the "sets" to be completed at approximately the same time for each court. At deuce (first or second instance), the receiving team may choose which of their players shall receive the serve, or, for mixed doubles, the server should serve to the player of the same gender.) Depending on time - Winners of "pool" A play winners of "pool" B and you have a 1st place winning team and a Runner up team.

Scramble: In a Scramble, you will play with a different, random partner every round, against random opponents. Because it is random and a relatively small group, there may be repeat partners and/or opponents, but seldom will there be repeats of the exact foursome. Depending on the number of players, teams can play 4, 6 or 8 games with no ad scoring (see above). Players report their scores at the end of the round to the person running the event. Scores are tallied individually (i.e. each player on the same team gets the same score, if the set score was 3-1, where team A won 3 games, each player on team A gets 3 points and each player on team B gets 1 point). If time permits, the top players can be teamed up to play a final match to determine a championship team or the players with the highest scores from the open/round robin play can be crowned champions (and runner ups)

For tournament and round robin brackets, see <http://www.printyourbrackets.com/roundrobin.html>.

Prizes:

The PRTC Board will supply all events with appropriate prizes. Please contact Betsy Berger, betsymb@gmail.com to coordinate with the delivery/availability of the prizes. Please give several weeks' notice and the number of participants.

Food:

Food can be ordered from The Market at Pound Ridge Square and charged to the PRTC account on file with the market. If ordering from The Market, it is suggested that you reduce the number of participants in placing the order by approximately 25% (i.e., if there are 20 participants, order food for 15). The Market will usually deliver the food to PRTC, but you may need to arrange to pick up the food, if delivery is not available for the day of the event. The Market would appreciate a minimum of two days notice to assemble the order. If you need to subsequently modify the order, based on changes in expected attendance, please consult with the contact person at The Market to see what they may be able to accommodate. If you order from The Market and charge it to the PRTC account, you still need to submit a receipt to the club (see "Additional Notes" below).

We have plenty of paper goods in the supply closet – no need to order more. Contact the club's Grounds & Facilities director to obtain a key/code for accessing the supply closet in the clubhouse.

In addition to food you should order ice, and beverages. There are a few coolers available in the clubhouse. Cost of food for any event is not to exceed the lesser of \$300 (this includes beverages), or \$15/person.

If there is a forecast for inclement weather – please cancel the order the day before. If the weather cooperates on the day of the event, pizzas can be ordered for delivery or you can contact the participants to bring something, pot luck style.

Alcohol:

Beer and wine is typically available in the PRTC clubhouse for events; please contact the Board's Grounds & Facilities Director to gain access to the club's beer and wine.

Balls:

PRTC will supply balls for all Tournaments and Scrambles events. Tennis balls can be found in the shed; paddle balls in the men's room closet. Please contact either the club's Tennis Programs director or Platform Tennis director, respectively, to gain access to the tennis shed or the men's room closet.

Communication:

- Have the club's Communications director send a reminder out in the PRTC Newsletter
- Monitor the sign-up sheet from the tennis/platform tennis bulletin board
- Email members/attendees confirming their attendance
- Remind them to bring their own water or water containers to the event, which can be filled/refilled via the club's water coolers. You may also let them know that the club will be supplying tennis/platform tennis balls for the event. Ask them to contact you, if they will no longer be able to attend the event.

Times:

Weekdays: 9:00am - 1:00pm

Weekends and holidays: 10:30am – 2:00pm

Additional Notes:

- Up to 5 tennis courts (Courts 1-5) may be used for events, on weekends.
- If "oversubscribed", check with the PRTC board regarding the possible availability of an additional court or two.
- After the tennis play is over for the event, please make sure the courts are swept, remove all the garbage from the area and place the trash bags in the larger trash bins behind the clubhouse. Also, please make sure the club house and tennis shed are both locked up
- **Each member will be charged \$30** (to cover guest costs) for Member/Guest Tournaments.
- Please combine all reimbursable expenses into a package, label it with the name and date of the event and submit it to Pamela Kushner, inh.pamela@gmail.com.