

**Oxford Community Tennis Association**  
**First Serve**

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## OCTA Winter Indoor League

We are off to another great start for the OCTA Winter Indoor League. David Heckel has reported that we have another record set for participation in the league with 122 people registered to play. We have also added a junior night on Friday nights which has been met with a lot of enthusiasm. The rules for the indoor league are included below for everyone to see.

### **RULES:**

1. We are charged by the 15', so there is **NO** entrance or warm up prior to the stated time. You should plan on arriving around 6:50 p.m. for the 7:00 p.m. matches, you're call on the 8:30 p.m., but at least by 8:20 p.m.

2. For observers or for those playing in the 8:30 matches, we pay for security, so they will let you in the Gillom. You are **ONLY** allowed to wait in the lobby (bathrooms are there) or at the observation deck. All observers should go to the bleachers at the observation deck, however, please keep it down and do not interact with the players, as this would be inappropriate and could bother players on the other courts. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES** can anyone, players, family, children, friend, be on the volleyball courts or player areas downstairs. Disregarding this will result in immediate removal and barring from return.

3. No alcohol or smoking is allowed in Gillom.

4. All players are expected to show good sportsmanship and treat the facility well (it should look better when we leave than when we arrive).

5. There is a 5 minute warm up (like state), which commences at 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Please be on time.

6. We play the best of three sets and we play full sets (unless you and the other team agree to a tiebreaker). However, the time limits are strictly enforced, so it is rare to get three full sets in. Whoever is leading when time is called is the winner.

- Example - Team A wins first set 6-3 and are trailing Team B in the second set 1-5 as time expires, Team B is winner having split sets (5-1 would be considered a set), and having won more games.

- Example - Team A wins first set 6-3 and are trailing Team B in the second set 2-4 as time expires. Then, the team that won the last point would be the winner.

7. OCTA and OCTA sanctioned representatives will be present every night, they are the time keepers and will be in charge of any issues or problems.

8. Time will be called out as match times near completion, such as 15'....10'....5'.....1'.....then LAST POINT. After last point, YOU MUST STOP after that last point. Then clear the courts promptly so that either the next match warm up can commence, or that we get out of the building without being charged extra.

9. We will not maintain standings, so no reason to report scores, JUST HAVE FUN.

10. Each team should bring a new can of balls and take turns providing.

11. If you have a conflict, it is YOUR responsibility to contact the sub list for your division. If the sub(s) are not available, then you can contact a player from your division that has a bye and they can sub. If neither work, contact David Heckel david.heckel@med.ge.com or 901-573-2121. Let's not waste court time, YOU paid for it.

## OCTA Elections

It is time for OCTA elections. I have been provided with several nominations for all of the open positions. The Board has voted to make some changes to the structure of the positions that we have.

From this point forward the following changes will be in effect:

1. Elected positions will include Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chair.
2. Each elected position will constitute a 2 year term.
3. At the end of the 2 year term for Vice-President, the Vice-President will move to the position of President to serve for an additional 2 years. We made this change to add continuity to the Board in transfer of members in the elected positions.
4. At the end of the two year term as President, we have added an Exoficio President position. This is a non-voting position and, again, is to provide continuity to the Board. This is only a 1 year position.
5. Member-at-large positions will continue to be appointed by the Board and will carry a two year term.

## OCTA Election Nominations

### Vice-President

Barney Chadwick

John Ross

Marty Pearson

### Treasurer

John Scala

Barney Chadwick

Larry Cox

### Secretary

Andie Cooper

Bill Dewbre

Eleanor Davis

### Membership Chair

Barney Chadwick

Terry Shinall

Bill Dewbre

Eleanor Davis

Marty Pearson

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