

Howdy TEAM Captains and Happy Wednesday!! If you are receiving this email, it is because you have GENEROUSLY offered to herd a bunch of cats this weekend during the Hotter than Hell team event! We are looking forward to a GREAT weekend of pickleball ahead. Please share this information with your teams!!! There is a LOT of info here...

SCHEDULE

We will open the venue at 7:30 AM each morning for check-in and warm-up (Gender doubles Saturday, mixed doubles Sunday). All brackets will begin play at 8:30 AM. Please remind your players to be on time. Even though this is a fun tournament, once we start the brackets, we will not wait on players to get here. You might have to default a doubles line, if your players are not on site and ready to play.

LINE-UP

Each match you (as team captain) will submit a line-up to the tournament desk. This line-up consists of 3 lines of doubles - Line #1, #2, #3. Your best players do not necessarily have to be at line #1. Up to you where you put your players. Each match, these line-ups can change depending on who you are playing. OR you can tell the tournament desk that you are keeping the same line-up for every match. You will NOT know the other teams line-up UNTIL both line-ups have been turned in to the tournament desk. So, it's kind of a chess game. God forbid (knock on wood)...If someone gets injured during the match, and once the line-ups are submitted, there are no substitutions. During the match, that doubles line would be a retirement BUT you can sub someone in for the next round. There are free agents available if you need an extra person on your team.

BRACKETS

I think we only have to combine 1 bracket (Chilaca Women/Jalapeno women will merge). Brackets will go live at 9:00 PM, the evening before play. Brackets can be found [here](#) when available. This is also where you can see the current teams in your division.

WEATHER

We are watching the weather carefully and do have rain out plans in case of inclement weather. If there is a weather delay, we will provide the information to you and you are responsible for relaying the information to your team.

VENUE

We will be playing all matches at the [Omar Smith Instructional Tennis Center](#) at 746 Penberthy Drive, College Station, Texas 77840. IN CASE OF RAIN, we will move indoors to the [PEAP BUILDING](#), at 632 Penberthy Drive, College Station, Texas 77840; Because we *might* have to go indoors this weekend, we are opening the PEAP Building from 6:30-8:30 on Friday, 5/3 if you want to come practice with your team to get a feel for the indoor court.

PARKING

Parking is FREE on the weekends at TAMU. HOWEVER... A&M Tennis is hosting the first and second rounds of the NCAA Tournament this weekend, Friday-Sunday. There might be heavy traffic around the venue. If there is a parking attendant charging for the [RV LOT](#) next to the tennis center, Don't pay. Park behind the PEAP BUILDING ([lot 95A](#)) and walk over!

FOOD

We will have snacks (bananas, Gatorade) on site and each day, we will provide lunch for you and your team. However, you are welcome to bring your own food and coolers on-site. We will have a water refill station only (no bottled water) so bring your own water bottles to refill.

FORMAT

Each division could have a different format due to the amount of teams in your division. Don't worry...you are going to get a LOT of pickleball. :)

CHECK-IN

Only the captain (YOU), needs to sign-in for your team. Do NOT sign in until EVERYONE is on site and ready to play. Sign-in must happen by 8:00 AM each morning of play to keep an efficient schedule for the day. Captain's meeting will happen at 8:15 AM.

FRIENDLY REMINDER

Please reiterate to your team that this is a FUN tournament - no scores will be reported to DUPR, it's not the US OPEN or the National Championship. Just a fun, friendly regional tournament. I know you all want to win (because the medals are cool- see pic attached) but DISPLAYING GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP is the best thing your team can do all day. If you do this, you are ALL winners!!! Sidenote: This is probably my most fun tournament of the year. We hope it is a great experience for your team and all your players.

Please reach out either by email or text (MB cell 979-219-2315) if you have any questions. Can't wait to see you on the courts soon.

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