In-House Tennis League Rules & Guidance

September 2026-May 2027 (updated 11/15/26)

Membership Information

Rally Point is a membership-based club.
All players must be active members to participate in any in-house tennis league.
• **Individual Membership:** $125 per year (12 months)
• **Family Membership:** $200 per year

Discount for Upfront Payment: Members who pay in full, **cash or check** receive a **10% discount**:
• Individual: $112.50
• Family: $180
Additional Benefit: A new can of balls is provided for each scheduled match.

In-House League Season

The season runs from September 2026-May 2027. Players can join at any time throughout the season! Matches are played every week with the exception of the Christmas holiday and New Year's Day. There will be no matches on Friday, 12/25 or Friday, 1/1. The club will be open for matches on Thanksgiving week, school vacations, Easter, and Mother's Day.

Inclement weather: The club is usually open when it snows. The club will send out an email to everyone or post something online if the club is closed due to loss of electricity or other inclement weather conditions. If you are scheduled for a match and the club closes due to unforeseen circumstances, you will not get charged for your match. If you cancel yourself, you will be charged.

The Leagues

Friday Night Mixed Doubles • Time: 6:00 PM – 10:30 PM • Match Length: 1.5 hours • Cost: $26.75 per person, per match	**Sunday Morning Men's Singles** • Time: 7:30 AM – 0 PM • Match Length: 1.5 hours • Cost: $37.75 per person, per match
Saturday Morning Women's Singles • Time: 7:30 AM – 1:00 PM • **Match Options & Pricing**: • 1-hour match: $26.75 per person • 1.5-hour match: $37.75 per person • 1-hour clinic: $35.67 per person	**Monday Night Women's Doubles** • Time: 6:45 PM – 10:00 PM • Match Length: 1.5 hours • Cost: $26.75 per person, per match

Doubles Teams - limited to two players on each team

Teams of up to TWO players are allowed for Friday Night Mixed Doubles and Monday Night Women's Doubles - players stay with the same partner for the entire in-house tennis league season; if you choose to switch partners throughout the season, you may do so, but your scores earned on your new team of two will reset.

Your team can only earn points as a team of two. If one player wants to play every week, he/she can do so with a different partner.

- If you would like to play every other week with a different player, you can do so on separate teams (earning points for each team of TWO, individually)
- In order to earn a full amount of points for your match, BOTH players must be present to play your match. Please refer to page 5 for detailed "rules for doubles teams" regarding scores and player absence/substitute requests.

Match Schedules

Match schedules are typically posted **about one week in advance** and are subject to change leading up to match day. **Players are responsible for checking the schedule before each match**.
Where to find schedules:
• Rally Point Website
• Lobby Cork Board at Rally Point Racquet Club
• Rally Point RacquetDesk App (10sPortal)
• Call front desk (if you need to confirm)

Match Play, Tardiness, No-Shows, Cancellations, and League Removal

Warm-Up: Players may warm up at the beginning of their scheduled court time.
Tardiness: The club's official clock will be used to determine lateness.

- 5 minutes late: The tardy player or team will forfeit 1 game and their first serve.
- Every additional 5 minutes: An additional game will be forfeited for each 5- minute interval.

No-Shows:

- Failure to appear will result in an automatic forfeit and a -1 point per match if you do not notify anyone at the club of your no-show
- If the player/team cannot play a scheduled match and informs the club less than 2 days prior to the scheduled match, the player/team will forfeit AND will receive a -0.5 point deduction for the match.
- If the player/team cannot play a scheduled match and informs the club more than 2 days prior to the scheduled match, the player/team will forfeit AND receive 0 points for the match.

Cancellations and Removal from League(s):

- After THREE strikes, the player will be removed from the league for the remainder of the season.
- What is a strike? When a player does not show up for a scheduled match or had not notified the club about not being able to attend more than two calendar days before the scheduled match
- No refunds will be issued for already-scheduled and posted matches. If you have been removed from league matches and already have a final match scheduled, you are still expected to play and will be charged for that final match.
- For example: Player A does not show up TWO times for their matches in a league. Player A then informs the club that they are unable to make it to their scheduled match 1 calendar day before another match. Player A will not be scheduled for future in-house leagues.

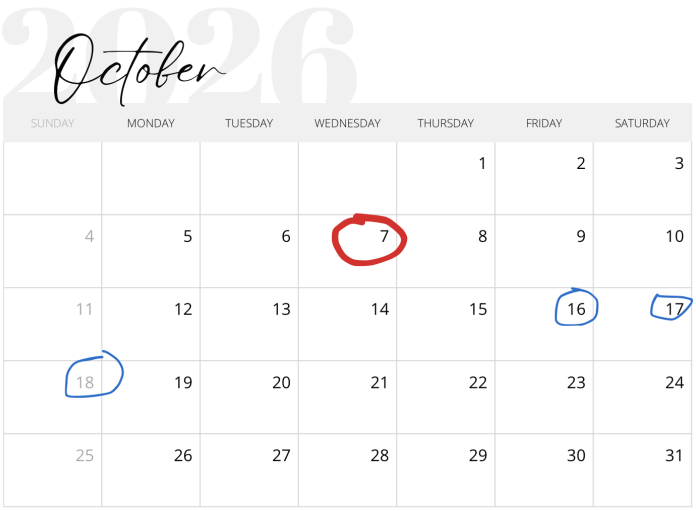
Special Requests

Players are welcome to submit special requests, such as preferred match times or specific dates. All requests will be reviewed on a **case-by-case basis** and are subject to league coordinator discretion, depending on court and match availability. **Please note**: Specific time slots **are not guaranteed each week**.

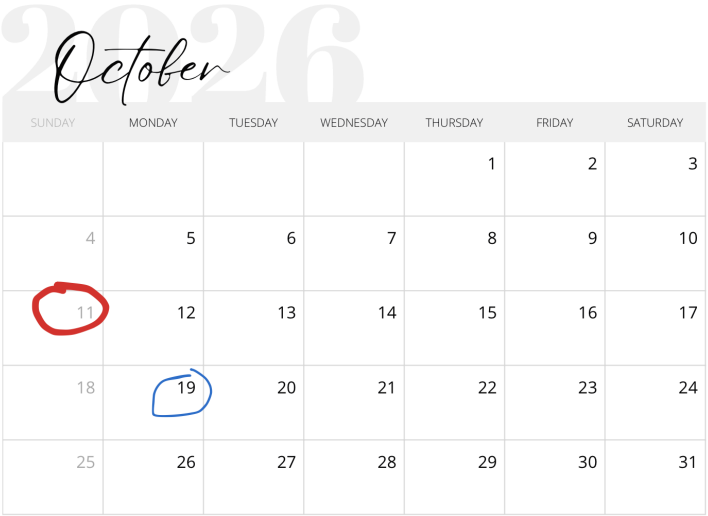
Byes (updated 2026)

To request a bye or special request for a match scheduled on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, players must notify the league coordinator by 8 PM on Wednesday (1.5 weeks **prior**), so that the schedules can be posted by Friday (one week before). All requests must be submitted via email to rallypointleagues@gmail.com.

For example: To request a bye for matches scheduled on **Friday, 10/16 through Sunday, 10/18**, notice must be given no later than **8PM on Wednesday, 10/7**.



To request a bye for matches scheduled on **Monday, 10/19,** notice must be given no later than **8PM on Sunday, 10/11**.



Important: Once the schedule is posted, no changes will be made. If a player or team is listed and cannot attend for any reason (including illness or injury), they will: be charged for the match, forfeit the match, and receive up to -0.5 points (refer to page 5 for scoring specifics).

If there is a scheduling error that is made by the club after the schedule has been posted, players will be notified via email and/or phone. Change requests after the deadline to submit byes and special requests are not guaranteed.

Team Byes

- When submitting a bye or special request, both team members must be included in the email to the league coordinator.
- Any bye submitted by one team member will be treated as a team bye, unless otherwise specified.

If **one player on a team is unavailable**, the following options are available:

- The available player may **find a substitute** of **equal or lower skill level** to play in place of the absent teammate. Payment arrangements should be handled privately, as the absent player will **still be charged** for the match.
- Alternatively, a **substitute may be requested** from the league. Subs are not required to pay, but again, the absent player will still be charged. If **one teammate plays**, the team will receive up to 1 point for the match if they win and 0.5 points if they lose.
- If **both teammates are unavailable**, the match will be recorded as a **default**, and the team will receive **zero points**.

If **both teammates are unavailable and cancel their match within two calendar days of their match date**, the match will be recorded as a **forfeit**, and the team will then get **-0.5 points**.

- Team/Players must notify the club who the substitute will be before the match (if they find a replacement themselves).

Sub Etiquette

If a player is unable to play a scheduled match, Rally Point will find a replacement player (**sub**). Subs are not required to pay. The level of play of the sub(s) must be at or below the player he/she is subbing for. If it is 2 days before you are scheduled to play, please email the league coordinator AND call the club directly.

You are welcome to find a sub, if:

- the sub is at or below your level of play
- the player holds an active membership at Rally Point
- you notify the club and league coordinator before the match who the sub will be

Unrequested Byes & Sub List

Occasionally, players or teams may receive **unrequested byes** due to court availability or scheduling constraints. If you are **available to play** on a day you are not scheduled, notify the league coordinator to be added to the **sub list** for that day.

Day-of Match Cancellations:

In the event of a same-day cancellation, a player on the sub list may be contacted via **call, email, or text** to fill in.

Sub Guidelines:

If a sub is currently in the league and wishes to earn points for the match, they must pay the match fee. If you are an **individual subbing for a team**, you **cannot earn points**, but you can still fill in to ensure the match is played.

Standings - General Rules:

• Write scores on the scoresheet at the front desk (as regular tennis scores)
• Winners receive 2 points
• Losers receive 0.5 points
• In the event of a tie, each player earns 1 point
• If you cancel within two calendar days of your match, you receive -0.5 points

Rules for Saturday Singles (1-hour matches/90-minute matches/clinics):

• Same as General, except:
• Play as many games as you can within the hour
• The person winning the most games wins 2 points
• For 90-min matches, refer to general rule scoring
• If player participates in a clinic (which are held every other Saturday), player receives 1 point

Rules for Doubles Teams

• Same as General, except:
• If one person on the team does not play (a sub plays in place), the most you can earn is 1 point if you win. If you lose you still receive 0.5 points. If you tie, you can still earn 1 point.
If **both teammates are unavailable to play**, the match will be recorded as a **default**, and the team will receive **zero points**. The opposing team will receive 2 points automatically (if they play subs).
If **both teammates are unavailable and cancel their match within two calendar days of their match date**, the match will be recorded as a **forfeit**, and the team will then get **-0.5 points**. The opposing team will receive 2 points automatically (if they play subs).

Examples:

• Final score: 6-4, 5-3 → Winner: 2, Loser: 0.5
• Final score: 7-6, 1-1 → Winner: 2, Loser: 0.5
• Final score: 6-1, 1-6 (timed out) → Both players receive 1 point

No-Shows and Sub Scoring

- If you are on the schedule to play, you will get charged for your match

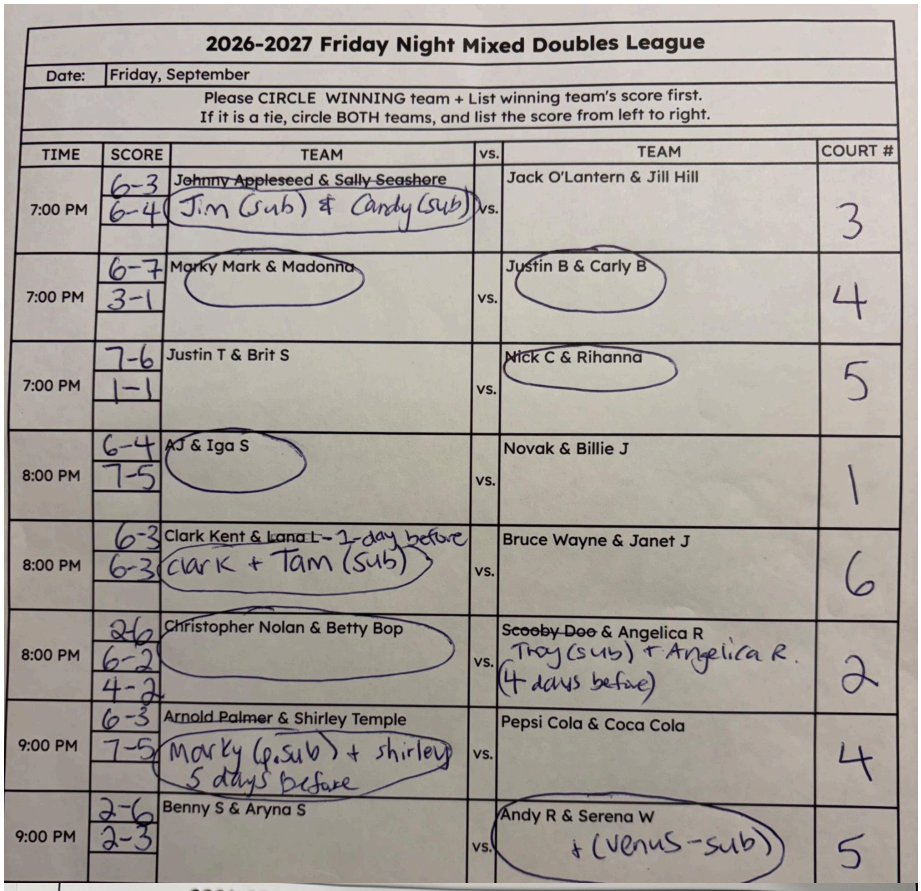
• **Last-minute cancellations (less than two calendar days)** result in a **forfeit**, and the canceling player earns -0.5 points
• If a player **no-shows without informing the club at all,** the no-show player will receive -1 points and the opponent who is present will **automatically receive 2 points** (as a win).
    - If a player no-shows (without informing the club) more than 3 times, he/she is out of the league
• If a substitute plays in place of the canceling player:
• The opponent will receive **up to**
    2 points if they win
    1 point if they tie or
    0.5 points if they lose
• **Subs do not earn points** unless they **pay for the match**

Getting stood up

- If a player or team is stood up and does not get to play their originally scheduled match, they will not get charged, unless another suitable team/player subs in to play against them.
- If the player decides to use the court for that allotted time, they will still get charged.

Scoring (updated 2026)

•Best of three sets for scoring - jot down scores at front desk right after your match
• CIRCLE the WINNER + record your scores as regular tennis scoring
• Standings with point accumulation will be posted online and on the corkboard
• Specific weekly scores will be available for players to view separately (upon request)
• Refer to examples below:

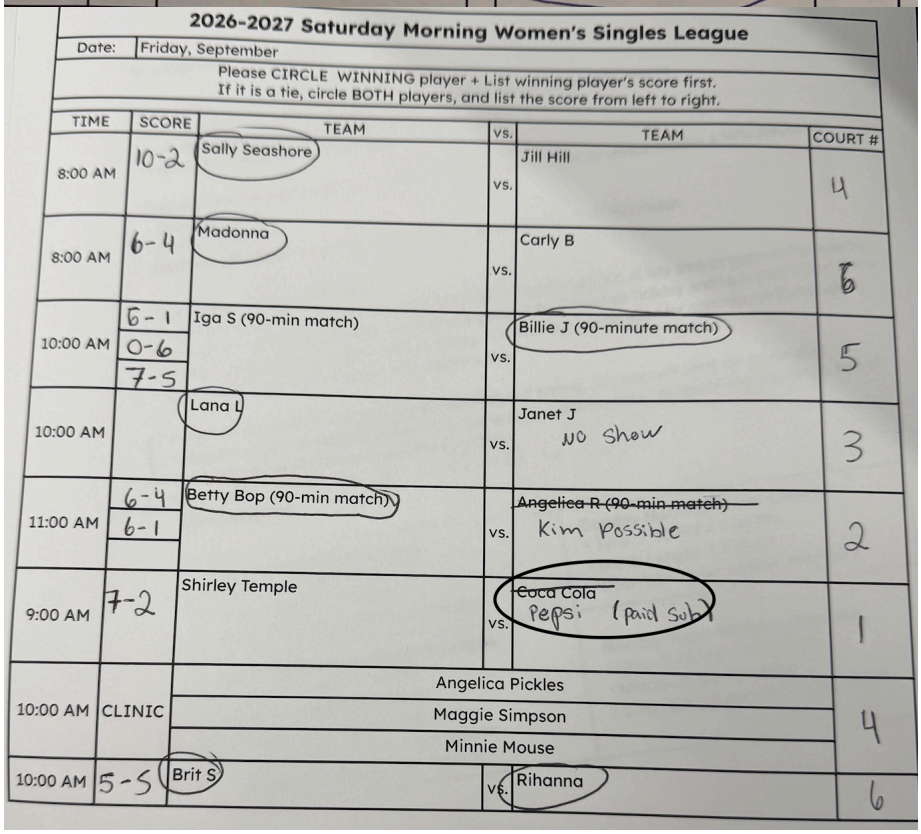


2026-2027 Friday Night Mixed Doubles League

Date: Friday, September

Please CIRCLE WINNING team + List winning team's score first.
If it is a tie, circle BOTH teams, and list the score from left to right.

TIME	SCORE	TEAM	vs.	TEAM	COURT #
7:00 PM	6-3 6-4	~~Johnny Appleseed~~ & ~~Sally Seashore~~ Jim (sub) & Candy (sub)	vs.	Jack O'Lantern & Jill Hill	3
7:00 PM	6-7 3-1	Marky Mark & Madonna	vs.	Justin B & Carly B	4
7:00 PM	7-6 1-1	Justin T & Brit S	vs.	~~Nick~~ C & Rihanna	5
8:00 PM	6-4 7-5	AJ & Iga S	vs.	Novak & Billie J	1
8:00 PM	6-3 6-3	Clark Kent & ~~Lana L~~ - 1 day before Clark + Tam (sub)	vs.	Bruce Wayne & Janet J	6
8:00 PM	2-6 6-2 4-2	Christopher Nolan & Betty Bop	vs.	~~Scooby Doo~~ & Angelica R Troy (sub) + Angelica R. (4 days before)	2
9:00 PM	6-3 7-5	~~Arnold Palmer~~ & Shirley Temple Marky (p.sub) + shirley 5 days before	vs.	Pepsi Cola & Coca Cola	4
9:00 PM	2-6 2-3	Benny S & Aryna S	vs.	Andy R & Serena W + (Venus - sub)	5



2026-2027 Saturday Morning Women's Singles League

Date: Friday, September

Please CIRCLE WINNING player + List winning player's score first.
If it is a tie, circle BOTH players, and list the score from left to right.

TIME	SCORE	TEAM	vs.	TEAM	COURT #
8:00 AM	10-2	Sally Seashore	vs.	Jill Hill	4
8:00 AM	6-4	Madonna	vs.	Carly B	6
10:00 AM	6-1 0-6 7-5	Iga S (90-min match)	vs.	Billie J (90-minute match)	5
10:00 AM		Lana L	vs.	Janet J NO Show	3
11:00 AM	6-4 6-1	Betty Bop (90-min match)	vs.	~~Angelica R (90-min match)~~ Kim Possible	2
9:00 AM	7-2	Shirley Temple	vs.	~~Coca Cola~~ Pepsi (paid sub)	1
10:00 AM	CLINIC	Angelica Pickles Maggie Simpson Minnie Mouse			4
10:00 AM	5-5	Brit S	vs.	Rihanna	6

Match Scoring Guidelines

1. **Warm-up**
2. **Play two to three sets (depending on outcome).**
3. **Scoring is based on best of three sets** (A best-of-three sets tennis match is won by the first player or team to win two sets. If a player wins the first two sets straight (2–0), the third set is not played.)
4. **If you split the first two sets,** continue playing games until FIVE minutes is left on the clock.
5. If the first set reaches 6–6 with more than five minutes left in the match, play a standard set tiebreak: first to 7 points, win by 2. Record the set as 7–6.

5-Minute Rule
With five minutes remaining in the match, players must assess the current score and proceed as follows:

- **If one player/team is ahead by one game** (e.g., 4-3), **play one more game**.
- If the leading player/team wins, creating a two-game lead (e.g., 5-3), the set is complete.
- If the trailing player/team wins, tying the score (e.g., 4-4), proceed to a **9-point tiebreaker**.
- **If the score is already tied** when five minutes remain (e.g., 4-4), **go directly to** the 9-point tiebreaker.

9-Point Tiebreaker Rules

- First to **5 points** wins.
- Players alternate serving **two points each**, starting from the deuce court.

• If the score reaches 4-4, the server of the 8th point also serves the 9th (final) point.

- The **receiving team** chooses the side for the final point.
- **If the match is tied at one set each** with under five minutes remaining, play a **9-point tiebreaker** to decide the third set.
- If the match cannot be completed within the allotted time, the match ends in a Tie with each playing ultimately receiving 1 point.

Saturday Singles 60-minute matches ONLY

- **Warm-up**
- **Play as many games as you can within the hour**
- **Scoring is based on games. Circle winner with most games won**

League Roster, Weekly/Final Standings, and Play-Offs

The league rosters and weekly standings will be posted online and on the lobby cork board. Final rankings reflect both consistency and match performance across the season.
To be eligible for **League Winner** or **Runner-Up**:
• Players must complete a **minimum of 20 matches** during the season.
• Participate in the Play-Offs in May 2027 (listed on page 8).

Play-Offs (non-elimination)

During the month of May, play-offs will be held where winners and runners-up will be eligible to win trophies and earn recognition in the following categories: qualifiers and non-qualifiers.

- Qualifiers are players/teams who have played a minimum of 20 matches throughout the season.
    - The more points the player/team has accumulated from September-April, the higher seeded they are for play-offs in May.
- Non-Qualifiers are players/teams who have not met the minimum of 20 matches throughout the season.
    - Folks who are new can also play matches in May this non-qualifier category

Play-Off Dates:

Friday Night Mixed Doubles ● Friday, May 7th ● Friday, May 14th ● Friday, May 21	Sunday Morning Men's Singles ● Sunday, May 2nd ● Sunday, May 16th ● Sunday, May 23rd *there will still be matches played on 5/9, just not play-offs
Saturday Morning Women's Singles ● Saturday, May 8th ● Saturday, May 15th ● Saturday, May 22nd	Monday Night Women's Doubles ● Monday, May 10th ● Monday, May 17th ● Monday, May 24th

Play-Off Rules:

- Brackets will be created and posted towards the end of April
    - The more points each player/team has accumulated throughout the season, the higher seeded they are during play-offs.
- Only qualifiers can be entered to win a private lesson with a Rally Point pro of choice as their main prize
- Qualifiers also receive an invitation to the Banquet of Champions held at Rally Point on Sunday, June 6, 2027, where the club will host a round-robin mixer, trophy/prize presentation for the winners and runners-up, along with food and fun!
- Absences/Player Availability:
    - If you cannot play during play-offs you are not eligible to win the league
    - Teams: if you are on a doubles team, both players must play together in order to move up
        - If one person plays with a sub, they still can play and qualify, but they will just move down the ladder

Additional Questions and Clarification

Contact the League Coordinator at rallypointleagues@gmail.com if you have any specific questions and need further clarification on league rules.