



LOTC City League Board Meeting
Monday, Jan. 24th, 2022 @ 9:30
Mt. Park Starbucks

Meeting Attendance: Cindy Dorado, Natasha Rinard,
Heather Dudley, Fran Hepp, and Leslee Schonert

Meeting start time: 9:30 am

Items for discussion:

1. How are things going so far? Any issues?

(1) All good! Every team is holding its place,
mostly in the mid-pack with the other

Greater Portland teams. LOTC goal is for no team to be dropped down a level or lost.

- (2) An issue came up with Irvington team vs Cascade. They were planning to default a match because of unvaccinated players on the opponents' team. GPCLTA rules state that if a team defaults a match, they automatically drop down a level. Fortunately, they were able to have a singles match filled and gave up 8 points on doubles. Irvington is now 2nd from the bottom.

Pg 7 http://cityleaguetenis.org/Rules_Regs_2021_2022.pdf

"Start Times/Lateness/Defaults

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9. When a team defaults an entire Match, the defaulting team is identified as the "division loser" with an automatic downward move. Teams must provide players for as many individual matches as possible."

- (3) Second half of the season started. C & F teams are looking to have return players back & available to play.
- (4) GPCLTA relayed message states that vaccination status of players and teams does not need to be disclosed.

Individual clubs may have their own rules but that may not be applicable to the City League play.

Masks are to be worn on court at the Portland Tennis Center, as per USTA message. So far, other facilities do not require masks during active play.

It is up to the players to decide to switch ends of court on the odd games or at a set.

2. Remodel update – Cindy

- (1) Lisa West, LOTC coordinator, is no longer able to give updates on the remodel, per instructions from her superiors. As far as we know, the remodel is on target for completion in the spring of 2022.

<https://www.ci.oswego.or.us/parksrec/tennis-center-rehabilitation>

“Project Updates:

January 2022: Footings poured. The excavation is complete. Electrical and plumbing "rough in" is ongoing. Concrete pad scheduled for pour week of 1/10/22.”

- (2) Lewis & Clark University Tennis Bubble update. There is some pre-construction activity evidence. Per Lisa West, “Bubble” may be reinstalled by end of February 2022. She was asking if the LOTC City League teams would like to move their “home” to L&C then. We would like to finish the

season with Club Green Meadows as our temporary “home”, in good faith, rather than rescheduling remaining matches. However, individual teams may want to schedule team practices at L&C. At that time, it will be up to the captains to reach out to Lisa West (?).

- (3) No new player applications were submitted to Lisa West.

F-team may have a new player coming on. She will fill out application & submit to Cindy Dorado. The Board approves her F-team placement.

Once the LOTC is closer to completion, The Board will look into contacting larger teams from other clubs for recruitment--possibly via Open House Invitation or some other marketing campaign.

3. Mid-year roster changes – Heather

- (1) Mid-year roster changes have been made. I-team acquired 4 S-team players to temporarily fill the roster. These S-team players may sub “up” only, not down.
- (2) Review general rules for subs as per GPCLTA. In general, substitutions are to be at a lower position, not higher.

- (3) Technicality: if a player is available to play, a team should not use a sub.
- (4) It is inferred that when using an S-team sub, they should be placed at D4/5, if possible.

4. Rules update – Fran (subbing & S Division)

- (1) See above.
- (2) S-team update. In general, S-team players are HAPPY! It is a successful level designation for them. No stress of moving up or down, no keeping team scores, nor taking up a spot on a team for new players. They like to play with other S-team players or sub for other teams.
- (3) Fran will look up “dual rostering” rule for next year.
- (4) Fran will approach S-team captain for a formalized statement of successful new team designation and experience. Cindy, then, will elevate the message to the GPCLTA.

5. Captains – asking vaccination status

- (1) See discussion in 1. above. For privacy reasons, it is not necessary to demand vaccination status of players.

6. End of Season Review Process – ideas

- (1) Because of the challenges imposed in 2021/2022 season due to Covid-19, the Board agrees that no player should be moved down to a lower team based on their performance, unless they request so. Captains Chair will notify team captains.

7. Any other items?

- (1) There is inconsistency /difficulty with accessing internal LOTC statistics software among some teams. Leslee, “Stats” Chair, will consider entering stats for ALL teams, instead having individual teams use the software. She will also look into comparing our software information with what’s available on the GPCLTA site under Captain’s profiles. We can then decide if we should continue to use our software.
- (2) Cindy will check on using Maintenance Building for Board meetings, as prior to Covid-19 lockdown.

- (3) Suggestion was made to keep Board the same for the 2022/2023 season, when LOTC reopens and we can have a “normal” year of home matches.
- (4) Suggestion was made to invite LOTC City League players, interested in the Board process, to attend the meetings.
- (5) Next meeting scheduled for February 28, 2022 at 9:30 (3rd Monday in February is a Holiday).

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am