

2010 SFEA ADULT TENNIS LEAGUE



Pick up those racquets and head out to the courts! It's tennis league time! Regular league play runs from May 17 – August 16 with playoffs to follow. All SFEA members age 17 and over and out of high school are eligible to participate in this league. Players may enroll in any of the following SFEA tennis divisions:

- *Men's Singles
- *Women's Singles
- *Men's Doubles
- *Women's Doubles
- *Mixed Doubles

If you are enrolling in any of the doubles events, **please submit only one enrollment form per team.** Game times and facility use will be determined by players. The tennis league rules are based on the USTA rules. A copy of the rules are located on the SFEA intranet site.

Enrollment fee is \$5 per person, per division (not per match)! Enrollment closes on April 8 ([add close date to my calendar](#)). Awards will be given to the playoff winners and runner-ups.

All enrollees must list their rating in which they wish to play. Please use the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) for your rating. This is the most accurate rating system available and was developed by the U.S. Tennis Association in 1979. In order to be placed in the correct flight and provide on-court compatibility, please make sure you meet all the criteria listed for the NTRP rating you select.

1.0 This player is just starting to play tennis.

1.5 Has limited experience and is still working primarily on getting the ball into play.

2.0 Needs on-court experience. Has obvious stroke weakness, but is familiar with basic positions for singles and doubles play.

2.5 Learning to judge where the ball is going although court coverage is weak. Can sustain a short rally of slow pace with other players of the same ability.

3.0 Fairly consistent when hitting medium-paced shots, but is not comfortable with all strokes and lacks execution when trying for directional control, depth or power. Most common doubles formation is one-up and one-back.

3.5 Has achieved improved stroke dependability with directional control on moderate shots, but still lacks depth and variety. Starting to exhibit more aggressive net play, has improved court coverage and is developing teamwork in doubles.

4.0 Has dependable strokes, including directional control and depth on both forehand and backhand sides on moderate shots, plus the ability to use lobs, overheads, approach shots and volleys with some success. Occasionally forces errors when serving and teamwork in doubles is evident. Rallies may be lost due to impatience.

4.5 Starting to master the use of power and spins and beginning to handle pace, has sound footwork, can control depth of shots and is beginning to vary game plan according to opponents. Can hit first serves with power and accuracy and place the second serve. Tends to over hit on difficult shots. Aggressive net play is common in doubles.

5.0 Has good shot anticipation and frequently has an outstanding shot or exceptional consistency around which a game may be structured. Can regularly hit winners or force errors off of short balls and can put away volleys, can successfully execute lobs, drop shots, half volleys and overhead smashes and has good depth and spin on most second serves.

5.5 Has developed power and/or consistency as a major weapon. Can vary strategies and styles of play in a competitive situation and hit dependable shots in a stress situation.

6.0 to 7.0 Generally do not need NTRP ratings. Rankings or past rankings will speak for themselves. The 6.0 player has obtained a sectional and/or national ranking. The 6.5 player has extensive satellite tournament experience. The 7.0 player makes his living from tournament prize money.

If you have any questions, please contact League President Marla Call at 735-3021 or SFEA Board Member Cassandra Lewis at 846-3677.

Enrollment Guidelines

*All enrollment forms and money must be received in the Corporate Activities Office, SA-1, by noon or the Corporate South Activities Office, L-1, by 1 p.m. on [April 8](#).

*Activities is not responsible for cash sent through the mail or late delivery of mail.

*Make checks payable to SFEA

*Participants may play in up to 3 divisions (ex. Singles, Doubles, and Mixed Doubles)

Tennis League ~ May 17 - August 16 #650

Close Date: Tuesday, April 8

Name _____ Ext. _____ SFEA # _____ - _____

Building _____ Floor _____ Department _____ Alias _____

Retiree's Address _____
Street _____ City _____ Zip _____ Phone # _____

Participant's Name _____ Home Phone # _____
Email for player _____

___ Women's Singles **NTRP Rating** _____ or Preferred Flight # (if known) _____

___ Men's Singles

___ Men's Doubles Partner _____ Ext. _____ SFEA # _____ - _____

___ Women's Doubles Partner _____ Ext. _____ SFEA # _____ - _____

___ Mixed Doubles Partner _____ Ext. _____ SFEA # _____ - _____

Retirees please mail to:
3 State Farm Plaza
Activities L-1
Bloomington, IL 61791

Enrollment fee is \$5 per person, per division

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Check # _____

(The Activities Office can not make change when paying with cash)