



Rally Point Racquet Club

In-House Tennis League Rules

September 2025-May 2026

Membership Information

Rally Point is a membership-based club. All players must be active members to participate in any in-house league.

- **Individual Membership:** \$125 per year (12 months)
- **Family Membership:** \$200 per year

Discount for Upfront Payment:

Members who pay in full via **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.

The Leagues

- **Friday Night Mixed Doubles**
 - Time: 6:30 PM – 10:00 PM
 - Match Length: 1.5 hours
 - Cost: \$26.50 per person, per match
- **Saturday Morning Women's Singles**
 - Time: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
 - **Match Options & Pricing:**
 - 1-hour match: \$26.50 per person
 - 1.5-hour match: \$37.00 per person
 - 1-hour clinic: \$34.00 per person
- **Sunday Morning Men's Singles**
 - Time: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
 - Match Length: 1.5 hours
 - Cost: \$37.00 per person, per match
- **Monday Night Women's Doubles**
 - Time: 6:45 PM – 10:00 PM
 - Match Length: 1.5 hours
 - Cost: \$26.50 per person, per match

The 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

Match Play, Tardiness, No-Shows, and Cancellations

- 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.
- Cancellations: After a third cancellation or no-show, the player or team will be removed from the league roster for the remainder of the season.

Byes

To request a bye for a match scheduled on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or Monday, players must notify the league coordinator by 11:59 PM on the Sunday **two weeks prior** to their match date. All requests must be submitted via email to rallypointleagues@gmail.com.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Example: To request a bye for matches scheduled on **Friday, 12/19 through Monday, 12/22**, notice must be given no later than **11:59 PM on Sunday, 12/7**.

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 zero points.

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**.

Team Byes

- When submitting a bye or special request, all 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.

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 full team points for the match.

If **both teammates are unavailable**, the match will be recorded as a **forfeit**, and the team will receive **zero points**.

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 24 hours or less before you are scheduled to play, please email the league coordinator AND call the club directly. If you are in the league you're subbing for, you are able to earn points if you decide to pay for the match.

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.

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.

Scoring

- Scoresheets are located at the front desk.
- After your match, record the total number of games won next to your name.

General Rules (All Leagues Except Saturday Morning Women's Singles):

- Winners receive a maximum of 12 points.
- Losers can earn up to 10 points, depending on how many games they won.

Examples:

- Final score: 6-4, 5-3 → Winner: 12, Loser: 7
- Final score: 7-6, 6-2 → Winner: 12, Loser: 8
- Final score: 6-1, 1-6 (timed out) → Both players receive 10 points

Saturday Morning Women's Singles Only:

- Play as many games as you can within the hour
- Max points for winner: 10
- Max points for the loser: 8

No-Shows & Sub Scoring

- **Last-minute cancellations** result in a **forfeit**, and the canceling player earns no points.
- If a player **no-shows**, the opponent who is present will **automatically receive 12 points** (as a win).
- If a substitute plays in place of the canceling player:
 - The opponent will receive **points based on the actual match score** — not an automatic 12 points.
 - **Subs do not earn points** unless they **pay for the match**.

League Roster, Weekly and Final Standings

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 25 matches** during the season.

Standings Calculation:

Final standings are based on a performance average, calculated as:

- $\text{Total Points Earned} \div \text{Total Possible Points}$

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.