



City of Marion
Swamp Fox Open
Blind Draw Tennis Tournament

Singles – Men & Women
Doubles – Men & Women
Juniors – Must be 14 or under

Please join us for the City of Marion's inaugural ***Swamp Fox Open*** Tennis Tournament. This will be a great event and a fun way to celebrate the opening of our new tennis courts at Withlacoochee Park. We encourage members of all playing levels to participate in the tournament. Register as an individual or a doubles team and match ups will be determined by random draw. The early rounds will be played beginning September 3rd (flexible scheduling) and championship matches will be played the weekend of September 17–18th.

When: September 3rd through September 18th

Where: Withlacoochee Tennis Courts (Marion, SC)

Format: First Round begins September 3rd
Final Rounds September 17th and 18th
Single elimination, best 2 of 3 sets

The City of Marion reserves the right to modify the format based on the number of individuals/ teams that register to play.

Draw: You may register as an individual and/or a doubles team. Matchups will be determined by random draw and announced September 1st.

Entry Fee: There is a \$20 registration fee for individuals and \$30 fee per doubles team. A \$10 fee is required for Juniors.

To enter the tournament please complete the *attached entry form* and return to Watsonia Recreation Center with your registration fee. Entries must be received by Friday August 26th to allow time to set up the draw.

Entries received after August 26th will be considered based on the number of entries received and space available.



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Sign Me Up!!!

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Cell Phone _____

Sex (circle one) Male Female

Tournament Entry Fee: \$ _____

Singles \$20

Doubles \$30

Juniors \$10

Required for Doubles Only

Partner's Name _____

Address _____

City, St., Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Cell Phone _____

Please note - This is a two-week tournament with finals on Saturday September 17th and Sunday September 18th. Please consider and plan accordingly.

By completing this entry form you agree that you are entering this tournament at your own risk and will not hold the City of Marion, personnel or facilities liable for any injuries or loss.

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Rules and Information

1. Match Scheduling

- A. Don't wait until the last minute to schedule your matches! Call your opponent immediately. Be considerate and prompt and help make the Swamp Fox Open an enjoyable tournament.
- B. Contacting your Opponent: Both teams are responsible for making contact with the opponent to offer available dates to play the match (not including the "play by" date) or to agree to a date offered by the opponent.
- C. Unable to contact your opponent: If you have made a diligent effort to both phone and email your opponent and still have received no response, please contact Watsonia so that we have a record of it. If you still have received no reply by "play by" date, you should take the win by Forfeit and notify the Watsonia Recreation Center.
- D. Rescheduling: You may reschedule your match one time, provided you give your opponent at least 24 hours notice (you must receive confirmation back from your opponent that they received your rescheduling request). A rescheduled match is automatically scheduled for the "play by" date UNLESS the teams agree to a different date/time. If you give your opponents less than 24 hours notice OR need to reschedule more than once, your opponent has the option of rescheduling or reporting a "win by forfeit". If both teams can't agree on a later date to play the match, the opponent will take the win by forfeit (even if they have agreed to reschedule).
- E. Inclement Weather on the "Play-By" date: If a match is rained out on the "play-by" date AND one player/team forced the match to be played on the play by date without offering optional days to play the match, the opponent can record a win by forfeit.

2. Match Play

- A. USTA rules govern play.
- B. All players are expected to uphold their commitment to the tournament and the other players in the tournament by completing all matches.
- C. Court: Players are strongly encouraged to play all matches on the new tennis courts at Withlacoochee Park. An alternate court may be used ONLY if both players are in agreement.

- D. Balls: Each player (team) supplies an unopened can of yellow USTA approved balls for the match. Winners receive the unopened can of balls.
- E. Reporting scores: The winning team MUST report the match score to the Watsonia Recreation Center before 9:00 a.m. the morning after the play by date.
- F. Coaching: Coaching is not permitted. Spectators may not intercede in any way.
- G. Cell phones: All cell phones must be turned off or muted for match play. If a player needs to place a call during a match, they may make a call in the 90 seconds allotted for changing ends or the 10 minutes between the 2nd and 3rd sets. If you need to leave a cell phone on during match play for medical or emergency purposes and your phone rings, your opponent will be awarded the point in progress.
- H. Opponent is Late: There is a 20 minute default rule. After 20 minutes, the waiting team has the option of taking the win by forfeit or waiting longer for the opponent to arrive. Brackets will list cell phone numbers so you should at least try to contact a late opponent to be sure they aren't lost or having traffic problems.
- I. Conflicts should be settled by the players using the USTA rules and 'The Code'. All players have the right to question a line call or score. If you dispute a call, reaffirm with your opponent what they saw and accept their decision. Remember... Good sportsmanship begins with fair play and a good attitude.
- J. Additional rules for juniors:
 - i. A parent/guardian must accompany juniors to their matches.
 - ii. Clapping for a point well played by both players is allowed. Parents, please use your best judgment.
 - iii. Discrepancies concerning a call or score should be settled by the junior players. If the players can't remember the score, they should return to the score they can both agree on and proceed from there. Juniors should be encouraged to make fair and honest line calls. If a parent clearly sees that his/her child is making bad line calls in their own favor, the parent is permitted to remind his/her junior about how to make good calls. If any part of the ball touches the line, the ball is good.

3. Weather

- A. Inclement Weather: In the event of rain, you must contact your opponent as soon as it is apparent that the match will not be played at the scheduled time. Always contact your opponent when the weather is questionable.
- B. Rescheduling due to weather: If weather dictates that you reschedule your match, you should do so before the "play by" date in case of rain on that day. If the players cannot agree to reschedule before the "play by" date, then the match is rescheduled for the "play by" date.
- C. If players have assembled to play and the match is delayed or interrupted by rain or wet courts, players should be prepared to wait a ½ hour to determine if the court is playable. If after ½ hour, or if forecasts indicate that a long delay is inevitable, players are free to leave and reschedule. If the match had begun, players should resume the match at the exact game and point as they stood when halted.
- D. If the temperature is above 98 degrees or below 32 degrees (Fahrenheit) before the match is started, it is the option of the players to reschedule the match. Do not force an opponent to play in temperatures that can pose a health risk.

4. Scoring

- A. All matches are best 2 of 3 sets.
- B. A set is completed when one player wins 6 games by a margin of 2 games. If the set score reaches 6-6, a 7-point tiebreaker (first to 7 by 2) is played to determine the winner of that set.
- C. Adults: IF ALL PLAYERS AGREE BEFORE THE MATCH BEGINS, you may play a tiebreaker in lieu of a 3rd set. In this case, record the 3rd set score as 7-6.
Juniors: The 3rd set will be a 7-point tiebreaker. Record the 3rd set score as the actual score of the tiebreaker, i.e. 7-3.
- D. Reporting scores: Scores for all matches (including "Forfeits" and "Retired" matches) must be reported by the winning team/player by 9am the morning after the "Play By" date. Report the actual set scores. Tiebreakers are recorded as 7-6 (except for Juniors playing a 3rd set - see above). A "Won by Forfeit" is reported when the opponent(s) is not available to play the match or does not respond to the opponent's emails and phone calls. A "Retired" win is reported by the winning team when a match cannot continue due to injury, illness, personal reasons or disagreement.