

2004 ATLANTA SE ASIAN COMMUNITY TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Organized by Pujari

Tournament Format and Rules

(Please read carefully)

Format

As a consequence of 21 teams being registered for the tournament, we needed to slightly modify the format originally proposed. All registered teams are now divided into two groups (halves) – Group U constitutes the top half of the draw, and Group L the lower half. The top four teams are seeded based on the *self-reported* NTRP ratings and ALTA playing level. Since it's likely that each player has a subjective interpretation of his NTRP level, consequently the seeding is effected by the subjective self-reported levels, particularly since there is no way for the tournament committee to verify the ratings. The top seeded team (last year's tournament winner) is randomly allocated to one of the groups, and the 2nd seed is then placed in the other group. Similarly, the 3rd seed is randomly allocated to one of the groups, and the 4th seed is then placed in the other group. All other teams are then randomly assigned to a group.

On Sunday, Sept. 19, we'll play the first (round robin) and second (quarterfinals) rounds. The first round will consist of a partial round robin format where each team will play one-set matches with three other teams in their group. These matches have been randomly assigned, with the exception that the seeded teams in a group do not play each other in the round robin, and the top seeded team gets a bye for one match. The draw and match schedule is shown below. The four teams with the best records from each group will qualify for the next Round – this will be the quarterfinals round. If there is a tie in the set scores within a group, game scores will be taken into account for qualifying to the quarterfinals round (i.e., if the set scores are tied, then the number of games lost will be the tie breaker). If both the set and game scores are tied for any two teams, they will then need to play a tie-breaker to determine the winner. The four quarterfinal matches will also be one-set matches, but teams have the option of playing best-of-three sets if both teams in a quarterfinal match-up agree before the start of the match – all quarterfinal matches will be played concurrently in the four courts as the last set of matches for the day. The third Round will be the semifinals round. The semifinals and final will be best of three sets matches, and will take place on the second Sunday, Sept. 26. Note that the elimination format is adopted from the quarterfinals round up.

Venue

All matches will be played in the tennis facility at East Roswell Park – please check the Pujari website for directions (www.pujari.org).

Rules

The matches will be played on four courts – see the match schedule below. The matches in each group will be played in the sequence as indicated in the draw. The first match will promptly begin at 8:30 AM; all matches will have to begin *within ten minutes* after the end of the previous match – no pre-assigned start times can be established for each match since the duration of each match may vary widely. Each team needs to identify the sequence of their matches, and report to the tournament desk before the end of the preceding match in their allocated court to pick up a new can of balls. Warm-up time is limited to 5 minutes, but each match HAS to start within 10 minutes of the end of the previous match in that court. Due to the need to finish 35 matches in one day, please be advised that *failure to start your match within 10 minutes of the end of the previous match in your assigned court will result in forfeiture of the match* (unless your current match in another court has not finished yet)! At the end of a match, at least one team member from each teams have to report to the Tournament Desk to *report* and *sign* your match score, and return the can of balls – *failure to report your score immediately after each match will also result in forfeiture of the match*.

If it rains on Sept. 19, then please monitor the weather to see if the rain clears out by noon (call one of the following phone numbers if needed -- 770-396-2403, 404-668-1368, 678-360-0999, or 678-777-8336). If it does, then we'll start the matches at noon, or soon thereafter. If the rain does not stop by noon, then all the matches will be cancelled, and rescheduled for the following Sunday (Sept. 26). In this case, the semifinal and final matches will be rescheduled to Sunday, Oct. 3. In case of rain on the tournament playing days, please also monitor your email – we'll send an email informing you of the tournament status.

A sports drink (Gatorade) will be provided, but please bring your own water bottle, food/snacks, etc. Please note that there is no formal lunch break during the tournament – teams are free to leave for lunch, snack, break, etc. during their non-playing time, *but need to be present at the courts to start their matches on time* (very important).

The tournament will generally follow the USTA tennis rules and code of conduct - available at http://dps.altcd3.va.twimm.net/usta_master/usta/doc/content/doc_13_4198.pdf - please be acquainted with this document prior to the tournament. All disputes will be ruled by the Tournament Committee, whose decisions will be binding. By entering this tournament, you are accepting all liabilities regarding personal injuries during the match, irrespective of the cause.

GROUP ASSIGNMENTS

<u>GROUP U (Upper Half)</u>		<u>GROUP L (Lower Half)</u>	
U1	Saravanan Pillai / Raghu Pani (1)	L1	Swapan Mondal / Srinivas Yamujala (2)
U2	Siva Kumar / Thiru Chittireddy (3)	L2	Pranav Desai / Saurabh Desai (4)
U3	Subhojit Roy / Vinay Khanna	L3	Soumen Ghosh / Rahul Basole
U4	Ashis Poddar / Ramji Veera	L4	Anil Kolli / Madhukar Cherukuri
U5	Arnab Paul / Lei Yang	L5	Amitesh Mukherjee / Ravi Kukkamala
U6	Mukesh Patel / Kiran Patel	L6	Sudipto Ghose / Abhijeet Hazra
U7	Nagraj Hebbar / Manjunath Gani	L7	Promod Rao / Maruthi Chundury
U8	Anupriyo Chakravarti / Debjyoti Roy	L8	Sekhar Thadiparthi / Chandra Sekhar Reddy
U9	Laiqur Rahaman / Muniprasad Panati	L9	Neel Majumdar / Bhaskar Banerjee
U10	Ravishankar Chamarajnagar / Arun Bosco	L10	Ajay Kumar Jengiti / Vijay Siddhiraju
U11	Anup Halder / Nachiketa Nandy		

MATCH SCHEDULE FOR SEPT. 19

First Round (Partial Round Robin Matches)

(Note: First match in each court has to start at 8:30 AM)

<u>COURT 1</u>	<u>COURT 2</u>	<u>COURT 3</u>	<u>COURT 4</u>
U1 – U6	U2 – U3	L1 – L10	L2 – L9
U7 – U11	U4 – U8	L3 – L8	L4 – L6
U3 – U9	U4 – U6	L2 – L5	L7 – L9
U1 – U10	U2 – U8	L1 – L4	L3 – L6
U5 – U11	U7 – U9	L8 – L10	L2 – L7
U2 – U5	U7 – U10	L3 – L7	L4 – L5
U3 – U8	U6 – U9	L1 – L8	L6 – L10
U4 – U5	U10 – U11	L5 – L9	

Second Round (Quarterfinal Matches)

Teams **QU1, QU2, QU3, QU4** and **QL1, QL2, QL3, QL4** are the four teams each from Groups U and L, respectively, having the best records (ranked based on set & game scores, or tie-break), who will qualify to the quarterfinal round – all four quarterfinal matches will be played simultaneously in the four courts. The draw for the quarterfinal (one-set or best of three sets), semifinal (best of three sets, Sept. 26), and final (best of three sets, Sept. 26) is given below.

