

2016 WESTERN NC FIREBALL TENNIS RULES AND REGULATIONS

TO PLAY YOU NEED THE FOLLOWING:

No Drama - this means leave your troubles behind - this is social fun tennis!

Choose a creative team name (G-rated please) by signing up the team on TennisLink (registration opens May 7 until June 11) season is 12 weeks - 6/24 - 9/9), minimum 6 players (3 men, 3 women), team may be up to 15 players, (players may be added until August 20), a player willing to "herd cats" as captain (prefer USTA player) but USTA membership not required for team membership; and some of your Summer Friday evenings free!

No driving all over WNC - matches will be scheduled only in the following designated numbered team county areas: (1) Henderson OR (2) Transylvania OR (3) Buncombe/Haywood/Yancey OR (4) Polk/Rutherford OR (5) Jackson OR (6) Macon

To be decided by demand - championship between six area local champion winners

HOME TEAM PROVIDES:

2 available tennis Courts - low compression balls provided by team facility or WNC coordinator - Light food or snacks for visiting team - Music - not mandatory but makes it more fun!

FORMAT AND SCORING:

1 court of men's doubles and 1 court of ladies doubles (gender specific played simultaneously followed by 2 courts of mixed doubles (4 matches total played)
8 game pro set format with no ad scoring
if you come to deuce, if mixed, play gender to gender, or receiver's choice
7 point tiebreak by 2 is played at 7-7

Home Team records match results in TennisLink

Example: Court 1: Sally & Mary versus Susan & Liz 8-0 (winner is Sally & Mary)

Court 2: John & Bob versus Billy & Pete 6-8 (winner is Billy & Pete)

Court 3 and 4 - mixed doubles recorded the same way

Total games won is the winner of the match

PLAYING RULES:



Matches begin on Fridays at 6:30 pm - For every 15 minute delay, you lose a favorite beverage or applicable yummy food item. If you run on your own "lazy tennis time", you run the risk of not having any fun!



Warm up for 10 minutes



2 serves, scoring same as traditional tennis but no ad scoring - no prolonged anxiety attacks about the outcome!



All players must start at baseline before first return of serve goes over the net and the receiver has HIT the ball. IN OTHER WORDS - NO POACHING ON FIRST RETURN OF SERVE. If player poaches a return they lose that point and may be assessed a penalty of "buy a favorite beverage or appetizer"



Having a bad day, a bad point, can't hit the broad side of the barn, a sub may be near!

A sub or rostered player may appear twice during the whole night. Length of time will vary. (example - if you are a sub, you may ONLY play sub 2 times - once you go off the court that is considered one time!)

As a player, options are: 2 full matches played are OK, or 1 full match and you sub in another is OK or you are a sub in 2 separate matches that is OK. SUBS are great - use them WISELY!



WEATHER RULE - You are an adult---contact/call the other captain

PLAYING DIVISIONS:

6.5 and under - 3.5, 3.0, 2.5 or total newbie - your number just cannot exceed

6.5

7.0 and above - 4.0, 3.5, 3.0, and the sky's the limit - just add up to minimum 7.0

or more

and FINALLY - NO, NO, NO - FIREBALL DOES NOT AFFECT YOUR RATING

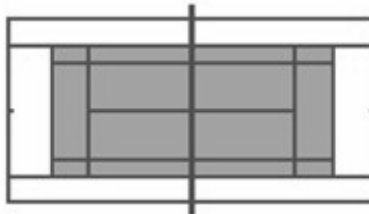
THIS IS FOR FUN!!!!

COURTS: Courts should be set up at least fifteen minutes prior to start of match. Home team must set up and provide the appropriate 60 foot Fireball court.

How to Set up Court: If you are lucky, your facility has 10 and under pre-painted lines. USE THESE! If your facility does not have these lines, IT'S EASY TO DO the following steps:

Hard Courts: You may use blue painters tape, or orange duct tape, or chalk for the lines. Place the tape as shown on the gray court shown on top of the traditional court below. From the baseline, measure 9 feet in toward the service line (use this as your baseline mark), now run the line parallel to the original baseline. The singles sidelines on the traditional court are your doubles lines!

Clay Courts: Use provided tack down lines to run your baseline as above - (you will need a hammer). Alternative - run a chalk line in the clay.



Fireball court is shown in gray on white traditional court above!