

**GARDEN CITY CASINO  
2019 TENNIS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS  
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**Tournament Chairperson:**

Each Club Championship Tournament shall have its own Tournament Chairperson who will be responsible only for the following duties:

- Tournament Director will post the sign-up sheet for the Tournament by the middle of May.
- Remove the sign-up sheet for the Tournament by the date to be determined by the Tournament Director.
- Prepare the draw for the Tournament with the assistance of at least two (2) other participants in that Tournament (other than Chairperson's partner) and Jeff Siler or Loretta Marcoux.
- Submit the draw sheet to the appropriate Tournament Director, who will prepare a schedule of "Play-By" Dates, which will be strictly enforced by the Director as discussed in the Tournament Director section below.
- Arrange for a chair umpire and 4 linesmen for the Finals.

**Tournament Director:**

Loretta Marcoux and Jeff Siler will assign Tournament Directors for all Casino club championships. In their absence the Tennis Chairs may act in that capacity. In any event, these Rules and Regulations will not be changed.

Only the Tournament Director is authorized to interpret and enforce these Rules and Regulations and all questions should be addressed to the director.

All Play-By Dates for every Tournament will be strictly enforced. If a player or team cannot make the Play-By Date for any reason whatsoever, they must contact their opponent(s) to try to play the match earlier. Except as stated for rain-outs in the exceptions below, no extensions will be granted for any Tournament for any reason. If one of the teams can play on the play-by date, and the other team cannot then that team forfeits and the team available to play on that date moves on. If both teams cannot play on that date, the director will do a coin flip and the winner moves on.

If the match is rained out on the Play-By Date, there will be an automatic extension of one (1) week (7 days), and the new Play-By Date will be one week later. There are no further rain delays; if it rains one week after the originally-scheduled play-by date, the match must be played indoors! If the opponents cannot agree on a date for the match to be played within that week by the end of three (3) days, the Tournament Director shall be called and he will select the Play-By Date after talking to both opponents – preferably at the same time.

**Semi-Final Matches:** The directors have the authority to reserve Court 1 only for any Club Championship Semi-Final Match at the unanimous request of all participants in said match(s). First come/first served. The purpose is to provide the general membership an opportunity to see some high-quality meaningful matches. Semi-Finals doubles Matches may be reserved on Court 1 at any time, including, but not limited to Saturday, Sunday and Holiday mornings. Semi-Final singles Matches may not be scheduled before 11am on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. Play By Date Rules described above must be adhered to.

In Doubles, if any player drops out of any Tournament before the first round of that Tournament is played, his partner may get a replacement partner who has not already participated in that particular Tournament. Once the originally scheduled Play-By Date (without rain-out extension) for the First Round is passed, no such replacement will be allowed. The first Play-By Date for those in out-brackets will be the out-bracket Play-By Date. The first Play-By Date for all other players in that Tournament will be the next round.

If any player knows now that he or she will not be available for Finals Weekend, OR THE WEEKEND BEFORE IN THE CASE OF MEN'S 65 DOUBLES, they must either (i) not sign up for any Tournament, or (ii) in the case of singles, sign-up and default any match up to, but not later than, the last point is played in the quarter-finals, or (iii) in the case of doubles, tell their partner before exposing their partner to the ultimate required default risk described in (ii) above in the case of singles.

If any player finds out later during the season that he or she will not be available on Finals Weekend, OR THE WEEKEND BEFORE IN THE CASE OF MEN'S 65 DOUBLES, the same rules described above must be followed, regardless of the fact that an innocent partner will be defaulted through no fault of his or her own.

OTHER THAN THE MEN'S 65 DOUBLES, there will be no Tournament Finals matches played at any time other than during Finals Weekend. Finals Weekend – or part thereof – may only be postponed due to rain-out or other inclement weather conditions, in which case, the postponed match(es) will be played on the immediately following weekend – not during the week.

All Tournament matches will be the best 2 out of 3 sets with 12 Point tiebreakers played at the end of each set, which is at 6-6.

Furthermore, due to possible time constraints during Finals Weekend, the Tournament Director, at his discretion, may decide to have certain matches decided by a ten-point tie breaker rather than a third set. This will not apply to Men's and Women's "A" singles and doubles, nor Mixed doubles. Any decision to utilize this provision will be made prior to the start of the match.

ALL PLAY-BY DATES WILL BE SCHEDULED ONLY ON WEEKENDS (SATURDAY OR SUNDAY) – NOT DURING THE WEEK