

## **PADDLE COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT**

The Women's Day League Paddle Committee (WDLPC) shall establish and maintain standards that encourage a fair and competitive women's paddle program for day league play.

## **RULES OF GOVERNANCE**

### **THE COMMITTEE**

- The women's team paddle program at the FCRC shall be divided into 2 entities for the WPPTA Day and Evening paddle leagues. Decisions will be made separately for each league. This document applies to all FCRC women's day league paddle teams and players.<sup>1</sup>
- The day league will be governed by the Women's Day League Paddle Committee (WDLPC). The committee is comprised of 2 members from each divisional paddle team existing at the club. Those 2 members will be:
  - The Captain of the team;
  - The team representative (elected by the team to represent the team).
    - The elected representative will serve a 2 year term.
    - The elected representative may not serve consecutive terms without a one year hiatus.
- Each WDLPC will elect a head of the committee, the Chair.
- The WDLPC will appraise the Women's Paddle Board Chair of the workings of the WDLPC and any changes made to the guidelines.
- If a captain or representative moves to a different team during the season, or is unable to fulfill her duty on the committee, a new captain or team representative from that team will become part of the WDLPC for the balance of the original term.
- Meetings of the WDLPC should be attended by both the team captain and representative.
  - The team co-captain may attend in the place of either the captain or representative.
- The term on each WDLPC is 12 months, beginning August 1 and ending August 1 of the following year. The WDLPC shall hold no less than 3 meetings a season; at the beginning of the season, during the season, and at the end of the season.

### **DIVISION PADDLE TEAMS**

- The ideal number of rostered players on a team is 9.
- If a team believes that they need or want more than 9 players, they must make a request to the WDLPC.
- All new and returning players shall notify the Director of Racquet Sports of their intention to play paddle in the upcoming season by August 1.
  - Any player who has taken a leave of absence from FCRC paddle for more than 1 year will be evaluated by the Director of Racquet Sports and will be placed on a team by the WDLPC accordingly.

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<sup>1</sup> Revised 9/2013, 8/2015, 8/2016, 9/2017, 1/2018

- The WDLPC will meet, along the the Director of Racquet Sports, before the season begins to determine final rosters for the upcoming season. Data from the Spring round robins and the ladder will be used to form the teams.
- The WDLPC, with input from the Director of Racquet Sports, will decide placement of new players onto teams, either at the beginning of the season or during. All evening to day players, and new players, will be placed in this manner.
- As per the WPPTA rules, there is no minimum number of times a rostered player is required to play.
- WDLPC approval must be obtained if a team wants to add a player mid-season, including using a sub for a fourth time.
- A challenge system will exist to allow each team to remain competitive and provide fair opportunities for all members of the Club. The challenge system rules are below.

### CHALLENGE SYSTEM

- Women's day league paddle will have a ranking system.
  - All rostered players on a team will receive a ranking form (ballot) to rank the other players on their team. Players will not rank themselves.
  - Ballots will be given to each player on the last Friday of the regular season (2/16/18).
  - Players have 7 days (1 week) to complete their ballots and return them to the Director of Racquet Sports. (Due date for 2018 is 2/23/18)
  - The rankings will be tabulated by the Director the following way:
    - Each player's best and worst ranking will be eliminated from the tally.
    - The remaining scores are then added up to determine each player's overall team rank.
  - TIE: If there is a tie between players, the player ranked higher on the previous ladder will be ranked in the higher position for the new ladder. In the event of a tie for the 2017/2018 season, the Director of Racquet Sports will determine which player should be ranked higher.
  - INJURY: A player who has been unable to compete during the season due to injury, illness or pregnancy, and has received an injury exemption, will be included in the rankings as if she had competed all season, but she cannot be challenged.
    - Injured players will receive a one year exemption.
    - If that same player is unavailable for 2 consecutive years, the player will be placed at the bottom of her team ladder and will be considered to have placed last in the challenge.
    - Injured players must submit their request for exemption to the WDLPC.
    - Players must meet the criteria for exemption as described here:
      - A player is exempt from the challenge if they have suffered a debilitating injury. The injury may be acute, occurring at the end of the season, or the injury may have caused the player to miss the season. Chronic and over-use injuries are inherent in

this sport. If a player has been available to play paddle matches throughout the season, or is playing non-league matches, they are eligible to be challenged. The WDLPC will evaluate any conflicts over injury and make a determination, to the best of their ability, as to whether or not the injury exemption is valid. The WDLPC will consider any extraordinary circumstances when making decisions as well.

- By the next day (2/24/2018) the Director of Racquet Sports will notify the players on each team who were ranked as the 2 highest. Each of the 2 highest players must notify their captain via email of her intention to challenge, or not challenge, by the Wednesday of that week (2/28/2018).
  - If one player chooses not to challenge, the third ranked player will be notified by the Captain of the option to challenge.
  - If neither player chooses to challenge, there will be no challenge.
- By Thursday of the week (3/1/2018), the Director of Racquet Sports will notify the 2 lowest ranked players of each team if the players on the team below have decided to challenge.
- If one or both of the challenged players chooses not to play in the challenge (defaults), they will be considered to have finished last in the round robin.
- If there is only 1 player on a team who wants to challenge up, the WDLPC will assist with finding a neutral 4th player to participate as a sub in the round robin. The neutral player should be selected from a similar division, but a different club than FCRC. Submitted neutral players must be approved by the WDLPC.
- The same applies if only 1 person from the team above is participating in the challenge (the other having defaulted).
- The round robin will take place over 2 consecutive days\*: the Monday and Tuesday following the WPPTA league challenge matches (March 5-6, 2018). Rain dates are Tuesday and Wednesday that same week (March 6-7, 2018).
  - \*The round robin may take place at an earlier time if all 4 parties agree to a date.
- The WDLPC will schedule monitors for the round robins to record scores, help with rules and answer any questions that may arise.

#### **ROUND ROBIN FORMAT**

- The round robin play will take place over 2 days (dates above).
- Players play one set with each partner. A regular tie-breaker is played at 6-6 if necessary.
- On the first day, each player draws a number (1, 2, 3, 4) and then plays with and against the players in the below format:

Round 1

Set 1= 1 & 2 vs. 3 & 4

Set 2= 1 & 4 vs. 2 & 3

Set 3= 1 & 3 vs. 2 & 4

Round 2

Set 1= 1 & 2 vs. 3 & 4

Set 2= 1 & 4 vs. 2 & 3

Set 3= 1 & 3 vs. 2 & 4

For Round 2, players will play the opposite side with each partner.

- On the second day, the players draw numbers again and repeat the format above.
- The outcome of the round robin is determined by the total number of sets won by each player, then by games if necessary. If there is a tie between two or more players, the rankings from the previous ladder will be used to break the tie. For the 2017/2018 season, if there is a tie, the players will play one super tie-breaker to determine the outcome (the people tied should be on opposite sides).
- In the event someone is injured during the round robin, the monitor and Director of Racquet Sports will recommend a neutral, comparable substitute to complete the round robin. OR the players may agree unanimously, to use their scores at the time of the injury.
- Once all round robins are completed, the Director of Racquet Sports will compile a new ladder based on the results.
  - The new ladder will be used to comprise the team rosters in the Fall, before the new season begins.
  - The ladder will not be distributed.
  - Once the new paddle season has officially started, the previous rankings are defunct.

## GRIEVANCES

- Behavior, grievance and disciplinary policies are addressed within the Code of Conduct. Captains will distribute the Code of Conduct (COC) to all rostered players when the season begins. Captains are responsible for obtaining the signed COC form from their team members and will give that form to the FCRC business office. The COC will be kept on record in the office and will apply to all seasons the player participates. Rostered players must sign the COC in order to play. Once executed, a player does not need to resign the COC unless changes are made.
- Grievance(s) pertaining to the application of these guidelines must be sent to the Chair of the WDLPC in writing. The Chair will determine if the issue(s) can be clearly addressed by reviewing these guidelines with the player. If not, the Chair will distribute the information to the WDLPC and have a committee meeting to review the grievance.
  - If the grievance pertains to a specific person or team, those individuals may be omitted from final review and voting related to the situation.

- The Chair will respond to the player in writing once the decision has been made.
- Recommended changes to these guidelines should be in writing and include suggested changes, rationale and explanation of how the change would continue to improve the “Fair and competitive” nature of the program as stated in the mission statement.