

Questions and Answers for Intersectional's in Boca Raton, Florida

What are the dates of the tournament?

November 14-20, 2011

Where is the tournament being held?

Boca Raton Swim & Racquet Center, 21626 St Andrews Boulevard, Boca Raton, FL 33433

What is the surface and will there be practice courts?

Green clay, Har-Tru. Yes, starting on Sunday, November 13th.

What airport do I fly into?

You may fly into Fort Lauderdale –Hollywood International Airport (FLL) or West Palm Beach International Airport (PBI) which are located approximately 30 miles from the Boca Raton Swim & Racquet Center in Boca Raton, FL.

When do the different age divisions start and end play?

Dates of Play:

55s & 65s: Play begins 8:00 a.m. Monday, 11/ 14, final day of play Thursday, 11/17

75s & 80s: Play begins 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, 11/15, final day of play Friday, 11/18

35s & 45s: Play begins 8:00 a.m. Thursday, 11/ 17, final day of play Sunday, 11/22

What's the format?

35s, 45s, 55s and 65s: 3 Singles played in the morning, 2 Doubles in the afternoon

75s and 80s: 2 Singles in the morning, 1 Doubles in the afternoon

Each match played counts as a single point, and the team with the most points wins the overall match. Coaching is allowed.

How many players are allowed on a team?

In 35s, 45s, 55s, and 65s, the team can have a maximum of 7 players. In 75s and 80s, the maximum is 5. The number will vary depending on how many players accept the invitation and whether the captain chooses to add players to fill out the minimum required to field a team.

Is the invitation list based on last year's ranking?

Yes, in large part, but other factors can be considered, including performance in the current year's regional tournaments or national tournaments.

Do tournaments this year apply?

They could, depending on how many people accept and what their records are.

When do you find out whether you are on the team?

The deadline for consideration is 7/15, and the committee will decide on the team members by the end of the month.

How is the captain of a team chosen?

The Intersectional Committee selects the captain from among the people chosen.

What are the captain's responsibilities?

The captain collects entry fees and information from players to submit the entry to the tournament; arranges housing and car rentals; attends the captains meetings to find out seeding information and match information; submits lineup prior to morning and afternoon matches.

What's the entry fee?

\$110 per player which covers tournament play, 4 lunches during days of scheduled play, and banquet.

How do I enter?

Your team captain will collect entry fees, waiver forms, and other information needed for the team entry and will submit the team entry on a single form.

What about housing or hotel accommodations and car rentals?

The team captain will organize this or delegate, depending what the team decides.

Do I need to come up with my own team or put myself into a pool of interested players?

No, the Adult Tournament Committee will select the team from the different players who were invited and accepted the invitation.

Are doubles teams formed by the Intersectional committee or by the players?

The players and team captain will determine the doubles teams.

Do I need my doubles partner to accept the invitation in order to qualify for the team?

No, although if you have a regular doubles partner who has also been invited and she also accepts, that would definitely be a positive.

If I'm currently playing doubles with a partner who doesn't have a sectional ranking and she's a very strong player, can she apply to be considered for the team?

Yes, definitely. Your friend's applications should include her name, USTA membership number, NTRP rating, contact information and a complete resume of her sectional and national tournament results for the previous 24 months, including a description of any relevant extenuating circumstances (i.e., illness, injury) that may have affected those results.

If I qualify for a couple of age divisions, who chooses which age group I play with?

The player decides in consultation with the Intersectional committee.