

Q. What Is Pittsburgh Summer Tennis?

A. Pittsburgh Summer Tennis is a group of tennis players organized to play doubles throughout the summer months.

Q. Are there any limitations such as age, gender, ability level etc.?

A. No, players range in age from teenagers to senior citizens, with groups available for beginners, intermediate, and advanced players

Q. How long is the PST season?

A. 21 weeks, beginning in mid May and ending in early October

Q. How much does PST cost?

A. \$200 for the season. Players play 14 times for 2 hours each session. The cost per hour breakdown is about \$7.00 per hour.

Q. What am I paying for?

A. Most of the money collected is used to pay for the indoor contract court time. Other services include the balls, organization, regulation, and oversight of Pwt.

Q. Where are the matches played?

A. The Pittsburgh Indoor Tennis Club, Located in East Liberty, near Whole Foods

PITC

6032 Stevenson Place

Pittsburgh, PA 15206

412-450-1080

Q. When are matches played?

A. Groups are available at PITC Monday through Friday with 7pm start times. Saturday and Sunday mornings with 10am start times.

Q. How does PST Work?

A. Players are organized into groups of 6 by ability level. Players are scheduled to play 2 weeks in a row, and are off the 3rd week. The sample schedule below should illustrate the general idea

	player 1	player 2	player 3	player 4	player 5	player 6
5/18/2008	x	x		x	x	
5/25/2008	x		x	x		x
6/1/2008		x	x		x	x
6/8/2008	x	x		x	x	
6/15/2008	x		x	x		x
6/22/2008		x	x		x	x
6/29/2008	x	x		x	x	
7/6/2008	x		x	x		x
7/13/2008		x	x		x	x
7/20/2008	x	x		x	x	
7/27/2008	x		x	x		x
8/3/2008		x	x		x	x
8/10/2008	x	x		x	x	
8/17/2008	x		x	x		x
8/24/2008		x	x		x	x
8/31/2008	x	x		x	x	
9/7/2008	x		x	x		x
9/14/2008		x	x		x	x
9/21/2008	x	x		x	x	
9/28/2008	x		x	x		x
10/5/2008		x	x		x	x

Q. How do I join PST?

A. Send an email to Ed Price at blinded@comcast.net with the following information:

- a) Your skill level, either ntrp rating or beginner, intermediate, or advanced
- b) What time slots you are available to play, list them in order of preference
- c) A phone number where you can be reached at a moments notice

Once your position has been established, you'll need to mail a check for \$200 to:

Ed Price

404 Edgemont St.

Pittsburgh, Pa. 15211

Make the check out to "Ed Price"

Positions are NOT reserved until payment has been received

Q. What if I can't always play in my scheduled time slot?

A. It happens all the time; we're all busy people with busy schedules.

Email or call Ed Price at 412-512-5987, and he'll get a substitute for you. Try to make notification as far in advance as possible. Don't worry about your missed time, you'll be given plenty of opportunity to get back any play time that you've missed.

Q. Can someone outside PST play as a substitute?

A. No. Absolutely, positively, not. There are approximately 5000 reasons why this is not a good idea, here's one, Fairness, If Betty can have Aunt Sally substitute for her, then why can't Tom have Uncle Bob substitute for him, and so on. Also, there is virtually never a need for an outside sub, within the league there are more than enough players that will be only too happy to fill in when necessary.

Q. What if I'm running late for a scheduled match, or I can't play the full 2 hours?

A. Make sure you have Ed's phone number in your cell phone, call and advise. If a player is not on the court at the scheduled start time, a sub will be called and the missing player will lose their spot for that night. Coming late or leaving early is not an option. If you can't play the full 2 hours on any given occasion, please request a substitute. Again, don't worry; there are many opportunities throughout the season to make up missed time. Try NOT to be late, some of us are pretty serious about our tennis and have a real problem with players that habitually come late. If anything, players should always plan on arriving at least a few minutes before the scheduled start time

Q. What if I just don't enjoy playing, or have to drop out for some unforeseen reason?

A. The overwhelming majority of players tell us that they had tons of fun. Although there is no guarantee, when players have left in the past, we were always able to replace them with new players and refund the unused portion of their investment

Q. I don't know how to rate my ability level, what should I do

A. Call Ed Price and talk to him about it, he'll ask you some questions and do his best to get you into the right group

Q. What should I do if everyone else in my group is better than me and I'm just "bringing down" the group, or if I seem to be better than the rest of my group?

A. Send Ed Price an email and request a change to a more suitable group. Changes of this nature can be quite complicated. In order to move a player to another group, someone in that group has to be willing to move to another suitable group. More often than not, players want to move up in ability level. Please keep in mind that players are grouped by ability level, NOT player style, some of the other players in your group may not hit the ball as hard as you do, and they may not hit the ball as "pretty" as you do, but they might put the ball in play more than you do. Some players may be asked to consider a change to a more suitable group without them requesting it. We believe we have a responsibility to ALL players to insure that the groups are as competitive as possible.

Q. How can I get more variety out of my PST experience and/or get to know more of the players?

A. Take advantage of sub opportunities when they are presented to you. There's a seemingly never ending supply of people that can't play in their scheduled spot.

Q. What are the Do's and Don'ts of PST?

A. Basic stuff here:

- Show up when you're supposed to/be on time
- Be competitive and friendly, these two are not mutually exclusive
- Don't coach, (a personal pet peeve), especially after the point. Discussing strategy with your partner before the match or before a point is a great idea. Criticizing your partner after the point is a lousy idea.
- Don't challenge line calls, it's a waste of time and bad manners