

VHPA Tennis Tournament Spring 2024

Rules & Regulations

1. This is a doubles only tournament in 2 formats - 1) Adults and 2) Youth (*TBD: Age 13-17*).
2. Bring your own partners! Or we can assign you one. *Pairs can be both men, women or mixed.*
3. Please provide cell phone numbers and email. By registering, you agree to share your contact information with participants of this tournament.
4. Adults registration \$60 per team - Max [8] teams for Howard County, [8] teams for Montgomery County, [8] teams for Fairfax and [8] teams for Loudon.
5. Youth registration \$30 per team - Max [5] teams for Howard County, [5] teams for Montgomery County, [5] teams for Fairfax and [5] teams for Loudon.
6. Participants should report at least 30 minutes before the beginning of their match to the venue.
7. Before each match a coin toss takes place within 10 minutes of agreed upon start time. The winner of the coin toss can decide to serve or choose a side. If the winner selects a side, then the serving choice will be given to the other team and vice versa.
8. In case of a no-show by a team by the toss time, the opponent will be granted that match.
9. Matches are self-umpired (except for the Finals) and should be conducted in the spirit of fair play. The benefit of the doubt goes to the opponent if you are not 100% sure about outcalls.
10. At any given point, if either of the teams/players are not comfortable to continue the game please report it to Management immediately.
11. Players have flexibility to agree upon a location / court within their respective counties before the deadline for the round. DO NOT wait for the weekends as it may rain!!
12. Allocate at least 2 hours of uninterrupted time for ad games or 1.5 hours for no-ad games.
13. If players have a conflict about deciding the location or to know the availability of tennis courts closest to their homes for both parties, please reach out to management immediately.
14. The winner of a match should report scores promptly. (*Google Form to collect scores*)
15. One Tennis ball can with 3 balls will be provided for each match. Players are responsible to collect the cans prior to the start of their match. The winner of each match can keep the used balls. Collection points for Tennis cans will be communicated before the start of the event on the WhatsApp group.
16. Draws and schedules will be published as soon as the registration is closed. The players are strictly advised to complete the league plays before the deadline.
17. The venue for the Finals will be announced later but it will be around the DMV area.
18. We plan to celebrate by serving refreshments and Water/Drinks will be provided for the Finals. Players are advised to bring their own drinks to keep themselves hydrated for

earlier rounds. We encourage players to bring reusable water bottles. It's our Dharma to protect our environment.

19. Match schedule will be published before 4/22/24 via WhatsApp group.
20. Trophies/Prices will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places only
21. Registration fees are not reimbursable.
22. Management reserves all rights to change the schedule and/or rules before the start of the event.
23. Important announcements will be shared via WhatsApp group. Link will be provided in registration confirmation email.
24. Have more questions reach out to the following coordinators in your area:
 - Montgomery County: Raj Jagani at 240-422-3996, and Arun Bondali, 301-312-4503
 - Howard County: Jatin Vyas, 240-593-2577
 - Fairfax County: Ritesh Jain, 571-399-5246
 - Loudoun County: Samir Dhamsania, 703-835-5384
 - For sponsorship and all other inquiries - Mahendra Sapa, 301-377-3247

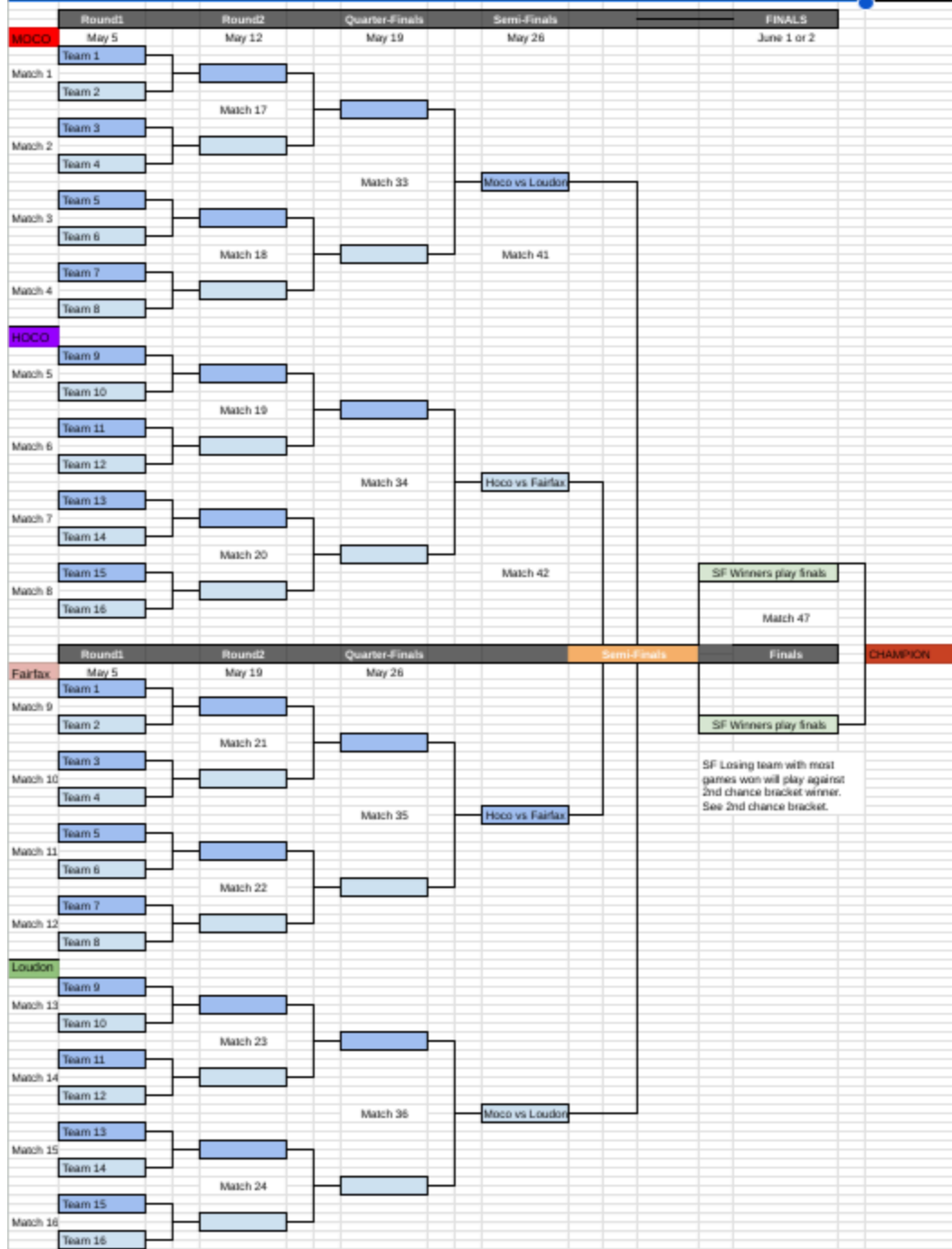
Scoring Format

1. At the minimum, each match should be played for a maximum of 3 sets, best-of-three tie break sets.
2. Individual teams/players can use any format for games prior to Semifinals provided both parties agree
3. 7-point tiebreak at 6-6 in the first 2 sets, A tiebreaker (to 10 wins by 2) is played instead of a third set.
4. Ad scoring is the default. But, players can choose no-ads if both the players/teams agree. No-ad scoring eliminates the requirement that a player must win by two points after a tie. Therefore, if the game is tied at deuce, the next player to win a point wins the game. This method of scoring is used in most World TeamTennis matches.
5. Players must call out the score before each serve loudly and politely.

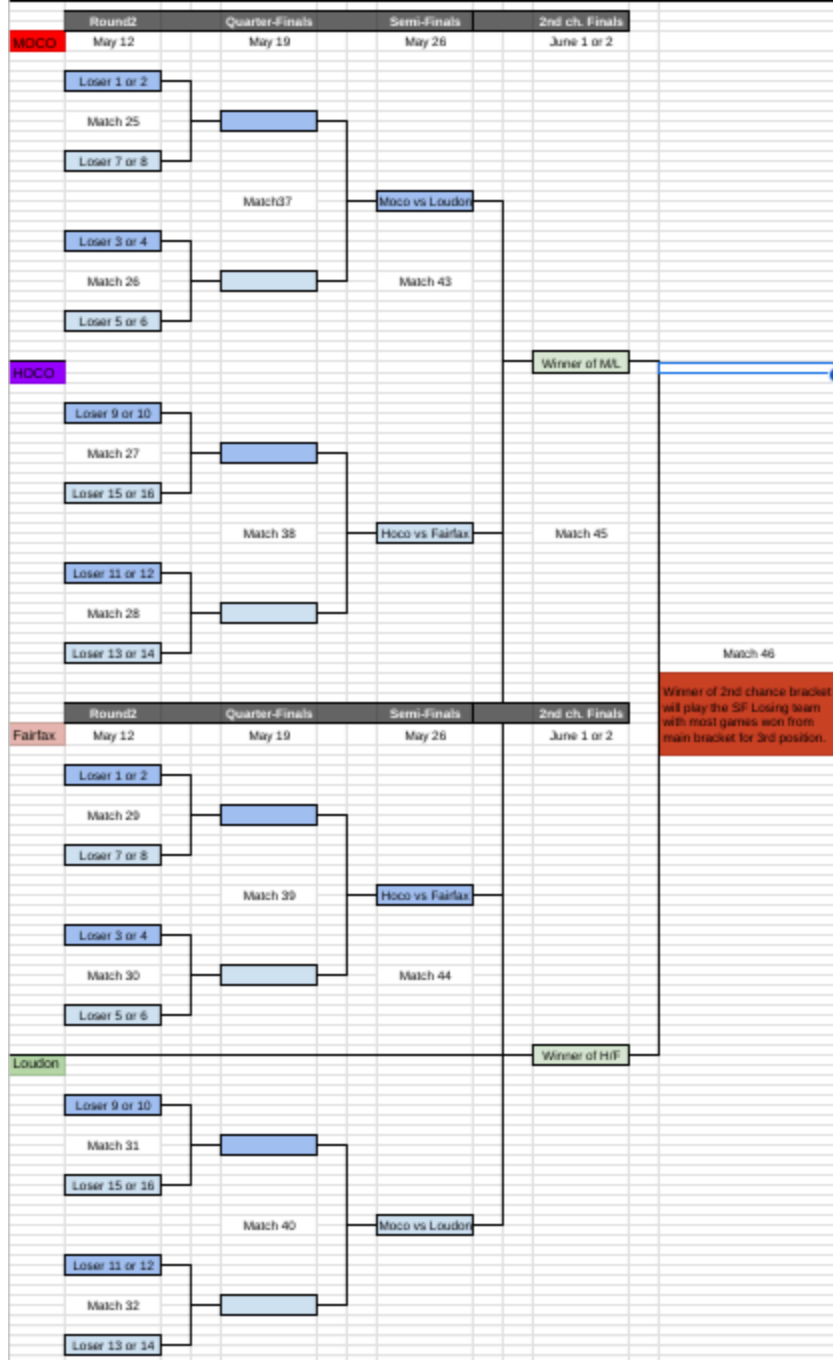
Draws Format

1. Adult Doubles matches will be based on two elimination brackets. Main bracket will play down to a Winner and a Runner up.
 - a. In order to provide more play for the doubles teams, Management has decided to run a second chance bracket for the losing teams from the first round (only). The winner of this bracket will compete for Third position against the loser of main bracket from semi-finals with most number of games won.
2. Youth Doubles matches will be based on round-robin format.
 - a. Second positions from each area compete for 3rd place; refer to the schedule.
 - b. If there is a tie between top 2 positions then results from their game will be the tie breaker.

VHPA ADULTS TENNIS BRACKETS



VHPA ADULTS 2nd Chance Brackets



Resources:

- <https://www.tennismoco.com/MontgomeryCounty-Tennis-Courts>
- Use Google Maps to find a tennis court near you!
- What to do now that you broke your strings!? The cost varies but is mostly around \$25-\$40 including or bring your own strings. Here are some local resources:
- Virginia:
 - Kantharaju Pandurangappa
 - 23448 Logans Ridge Terrace, Ashburn, VA 20148
 - 669-247-8625
- Gaithersburg:
 - Suengmin (Min) Seo
 - 17101 Queen Victoria Ct, Gaithersburg, MD
 - 240-728-4015
- Clarksburg:
 - Tony: 301-602-7131
- Howard County:
 - We are looking for a contact. If you happen to know anyone that can turn around strings quickly, please let us know.