

*Bylaws for the Glendora Tennis Association*

**Mission Statement**

The Glendora Tennis Association (GTA) strives for recognition as one of the best public tennis organizations in the San Gabriel Valley. Our goal is to serve the needs of the entire community through well planned tennis ladders and social functions.

We are a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the game of tennis to all adults age 18 and over. Along with promoting tennis, GTA encourages getting exercise, meeting new friends, and most importantly: having fun! The club meets every Saturday morning at Glendora High School at the tennis courts.

The club has been in existence at Glendora High School for over 40 years since the 1960's and intends to continue to serve the San Gabriel Valley as long as people enjoy the sport of tennis.

The format of the club is a ladder that begins every six months of every year and runs through the following dates:

July 1<sup>st</sup> – Dec 31<sup>st</sup>  
Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>

Round Robin Tournaments will be held on the last Saturday of each season. The 2<sup>nd</sup> to last Saturday of each season will be the last day of the GTA regular season. The 2<sup>nd</sup> season Round Robin tournament will be determined according to when holidays fall on the calendar.

**Membership Dues**

Each member to pay \$25 semi-annually due at the start of each season. Dues must be paid within the first three weeks of the season, or membership will lapse. Before a member from the previous season is removed from the ladder, the Treasurer will make an attempt via e-mail (or phone if the member does not have an e-mail account) to contact the member to find out if they intend to rejoin as an active member. The member will have the option of going on the waiting list if they elect not to rejoin the club.

In the event a player joins the club in the middle of the season, their membership dues will be prorated. These are the prorated dues:

<u>If Member Joins in:</u>	<u>Dues for the Remainder of the Season</u>
Jan – Feb. or July - Aug	\$25.00 (full rate)
March or September.	\$20.00
April or October	\$15.00
May or November	\$10.00

June or December

\$5.00

Waiver: All members will complete the waiver/membership form prior to playing. No exceptions! Once a waiver is signed, it is good as long as the member is in good standing by paying his/her dues. A new waiver must be signed if a member's contact information changes.

A waiting list will be maintained by the Treasurer. Membership will be limited to 70 members, due to court availability. Currently 8 courts are available at Glendora High School and 5 courts are available at Goddard Middle School, for a total of 13 courts and 52 slots each week.

### Dues Increases

GTA Board of Directors may increase dues in the event that the GTA funds are depleted (dues will never increase by more than \$5 each season)

### GTA Hierarchy

#### The Club Consists of Four Elected Officers:

President – Organizes ladder every Saturday and handles tennis ball purchases. He/she looks for ways to do fundraisers for the association. He/she is a member of the voting committee.

Treasurer – Manages all the GTA bank funds. Puts together the member roster. He/she is a member of the voting committee.

Secretary – Manages the scoring/ladder board and the updates the club's website. He/she is a member of the voting committee.

Social Chairman – In charge of the inter-club events and purchasing of trophies/awards for each season. Not a member of the voting committee.

Officers are nominated for election toward the end of each year, around the end of June. If they accept the nomination, a vote is taken by a show of hands of members present and the officer must uphold the duties of their office for one year. There are no term limits. The four officer positions are not required to pay club dues the year they hold office.

### Start of Play

Every player must show up and have their name checked off on the board before 8:00 AM. If players show up after 8:00 AM, they will be permitted to play only if additional players are needed to even court assignments. In this event, the player who walks through the gate first will be granted priority. We will make every attempt to contact additional players if the courts have an uneven number. If no other players show up after 8:00 AM and court assignments are not divisible by four, we will take volunteers for sitting out. If enough players don't sit out,

cards will be drawn from a deck (with a card(s) specified as a sit-out card). Players that have previously sat-out are not required to draw a card for that session.

Before play starts, players may volunteer to sit out. Players that show up must intend to play and complete 3 sets. No one will be given 13 points to sit out if they did not intend to play in the first place. They will only be given 9 points.

The priority of volunteer sit outs will be determined by whoever informs the GTA President first (in person). If the GTA President is not available that morning, the GTA Secretary is the next person to contact. If the GTA Secretary is not present that day, the GTA Secretary would be the person to contact.

The top 32 players on the ladder will be assigned to the 8 courts available at Glendora High School. The remaining players in attendance will be assigned to play at Goddard Middle School. Courts are assigned based on where the players in attendance fall on the ladder. The top 4 players in attendance will play on Court #5, the next 4 player will play on court #6, and the remaining players will play on courts numbers 7, 8, 1, 2, 3, and 4.

The four players assigned to each court play one set each with each other, regular scoring. In the event of the score reaching 6-6, a 12 point tie breaker will be played. First team to 7 points (win by 2) will win that set 7-6.

### **Player Emergencies:**

If a player gets injured or cannot complete the remainder of his/her matches, then all games finished count, but the remainder are worth zero points for that injured player and his/her partner.

### **Weekly Scoring for the Ladder**

3 sets total for each player, 1 point for every game win (standard tennis scoring)

If player is absent, they will receive 9 points.

If player sits out, they will receive 13 points.

The order on the ladder is determined by the following:

1. Most points (games won)
2. If points are tied the next tie breaker is most sets won.
3. If points and sets are tied, the next tie breaker is Average games per set.
4. If games, sets, and average games per set are tied, the determining tie breaker is who was ahead the previous week on the ladder.

## **Awards**

Ladder winner/runner up after each season - Winner receives a check for \$30, Runner up receives a check for \$20.

Round Robin winner/runner up (Group A) after each season

Round Robin winner/runner up (Group B) after each season

In both Group A and B, winners receive a check for \$15.00 and Runners up receives a check for \$10.

Sportsmanship Award after full year - Winner determined by majority vote of members at the end of the year.

Most Improved Award after full year - Winner determined by largest improvement in average games per set from the end of Dec to the end of June. To qualify, the member must have played in at least 2/3 of the weeks for both seasons in the year.

Club 21 - Any player that attains the rare feat of a "perfect day" by winning 7 games in all three sets becomes an exclusive member of this club. He/she will be recognized with a metal and their name and date of accomplishment will be added to the club's website. There is no limit to the amount of times a player can win this award.

## **Round Robin Scoring**

Role will be taken just before play starts. Half the players will play in the A ladder, and half the players will play in the B ladder. Determination of what ladder a player plays on will be based on average games per set for that season. In the event a player has not played during the season, it will be up to the President to decide which ladder that player will compete in.

6 rounds / each round 5 total games. After 4 games, racket is spun to determine server/side. In any game that gets to 3 points all, the receiving team chooses who will receive the serve.

Players cannot play with the same GTA member more than once. If everyone has played together on any given court, players spin the racket to determine combinations.

If players have to sit out, they should not have to sit out more than once. In cases where everyone has sat out, spin the rackets to determine who must sit out. Persons sitting out automatically get 3 points.

The winning team shall move up a court (to the west) and the losing team moves down a court(to the east).

The winner of each ladder (A and B) will be the player with the most games won. In the event of a tie, racquet's will be spun to identify the winner and runner up.

## **Rain Outs**

If play is rained out, no scores will be awarded for that day. If some players complete all their matches but others do not (because of rain), every effort will be made to continue play when the rain subsides. However, if the rain does not let up after 30 minutes and the courts become completely wet, play will be suspended and no players will be rewarded points for that day.

United States Tennis Association (USTA) rules govern play. Players should make all attempts to resolve disputes in a friendly, courteous manner. If rule questions come up, please attempt to contact a club officer who will assist in the ruling on the court.




### **Social Events**

The club intends to have various social events throughout the year. Some will be fundraising events that will benefit the member's, such as eating at local restaurants where proceeds will go toward improving the club. The club's Social Director will attempt to meet and play against other clubs in the San Gabriel Valley. A calendar or events will be available to members on the website.

### **Sponsors**

Any member of the club can assist the club by recruiting sponsors to help fund the club. Following is a chart of what the sponsorship includes, based on what is contributed:

#### **Annual Sponsorship Levels:**

	<b>Platinum Sponsor: Open</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Company logo displayed prominently on GTA website</li><li>* Company information paragraph displayed</li><li>* Coupon / Discount Option</li><li>* Website link or phone number displayed in footer of all email communications</li><li>* Receive GTA Appreciation Plaque at end of the year</li><li>* Invitation to all GTA social events</li><li>* Option to speak to / market to our membership</li></ul>
	<b>Gold Sponsor: \$300</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Company logo displayed prominently on GTA website</li><li>* Company information paragraph displayed</li><li>* Coupon / Discount Option</li><li>* Receive GTA Appreciation Plaque at end of the year</li><li>* Invitation to all GTA social events</li><li>* Option to speak to / market to our membership</li></ul>
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**Bronze Sponsor: \$50**

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These bylaws will be posted on the club's website for anyone to review.

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