

How to Determine a Match Winner when Match Format is Four (4) Lines

The new Adult 40 & Over format in 3.0-4.5+ divisions, plays four (4) lines: one (1) singles and three (3) doubles. Because 2-2 match splits could be common, we will implement Points Per Position (PPP) to calculate standings instead of individual match wins. It works as follows:

- #1 doubles will be worth 2 points. The other positions—Singles, #2 doubles and #3 doubles—will be worth 1 point each.
- A winner of a match is not declared. The total points for each match are summed and entered in the column labeled, “Points”. Points are accumulated throughout the season. An example of the Standings format is below.

Match Win Criteria: Points per Position							
* Calculation of game-winning percentage does not include defaulted matches.							
Team Name	Matches Played	Points*	Sets Won	Sets Lost	Games Won	Games Lost	* Games Won %
Jupiter: KHx2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
TLTC 3.0 Ladies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
GTC Pinyerd Grip & Rip 3.0 W	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
VAC Jorgenson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
LRC Worthen-Adams A40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%

Rationale

- In the case of 2-2 individual wins, one team will win #1D and earn 2 points for that line and finish the match 3-2.
- By weighting #1 Doubles with 2 points captains will more likely play their strongest pair for a match at #1 Doubles rather than “stack” or sacrifice #1D. This should lead to overall better matches for players.
- In addition, by weighting #1D position with 2 points 4.5+ teams might prefer to play a 5.0 in the #1D line instead of at Singles, thus permitting 4.5 players more opportunity to play singles.

At the conclusion of your Adult 40 & Over season, we will send a survey from USTA PNW to all Adult 40 & Over players to inquire about their experience with the 3 doubles/1 singles format as well as the Points Per Position calculations.