

First Service Doubles

PROVIDER SUMMARY (FACILITY, CTA OR PARK DISTRICT)



First Service Doubles (FSD) is a tennis game played by athletes and their support dogs. FSD is designed for Veterans, First Responders, and anyone 15+ with physical disabilities or invisible injuries and their support dog. Service, Therapy, Emotional Support, Working, Sporting, or any well-trained dog is welcome.

"Discover First Service Doubles!" Days will be used to promote FSD. Events may be scheduled at Clubs, CTA partner facilities, YMCA, Veterans Affairs or hospital spaces, Veteran Support Organizations spaces, Parks, First Responder and or First Responder Union spaces.

Human Acceptance:

- Veterans with any discharge other than Dishonorable
- First Responders (Police, Fire, EMT)
- Ages 15+ with physical or invisible injuries
- Hearing Impaired, Diabetic, and Epileptic
- Functional Mobility/Ambulatory/Standing Adaptive
- Handler for their own working, sporting, or support dog

Canine Acceptance:

- Provides a service to their Handler
- Performs as Service, Therapy/Comfort, Emotional Support, Working, or Sporting animal
- Minimum Behavior Requirements: American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen

Provider Acceptance:

- Educated about Adaptive Tennis
- Encouraged to educate staff & members about above issues and welcome FSD Teams

Program Structure:

- FSD Team visits club
 - Visit may include friend, partner, spouse, child
 - Friend may shag balls or help with canine instruction during lessons
- 8 Privates: 4 private lessons for team (Free), 4 private lessons for team (\$10/ea)
 - FSD covers cost of court time and coach at reimbursement rate of \$65/hr
 - Facility may choose to discount rate
 - Schedule private lessons at times when courts generally remain unused
 - New revenue for facility
- Set up/support 4 hitting sessions/matches with other members at Provider site
- Registration and reporting may be required for Veterans Organizations, Veterans Affairs, or First Responder Unions/Organizations
- Facility offers 1-year membership at a discounted rate
- After first 8 lessons, private lessons are offered at normal or discounted rate as determined by Provider

For information on how you can get involved, please contact Zoy Brown at zoy@midwest.usta.com.