



How to Register for Citrus Cup 2025 at Saddlebrook in Florida's Tampa Bay

To request a spot, send an email to hollymatsonfl@gmail.com on **JULY 1st 2024 before 5pm (florida time).**

- Read the information below...there are a few changes.
- ONLY the team captain sends an email to reserve the team spot.
- Do NOT send before July 1, 2024
- The following information MUST be included:
 - Do you want 3.5/4.0 division OR 4.0/4.5 division?
 - Team's City and State
 - Team Captain's Name, Email and Phone Number
- Each team will be entered into a drawing (lottery).
- All teams will be notified by July 10, 2024.
 - Teams not selected will be added to a wait list.
 - Teams that are selected will be provided with next steps including:
 - Sending non-refundable \$185 registration fee - spots are not secured until the fee is received.
 - The balance of \$185 per player will be due September 1st.

Location:

Saddlebrook is a resort offering lodging, golf, tennis, restaurants, spa and pool. [Click Here to Learn More - www.saddlebrook.com](http://www.saddlebrook.com)

Date:

Thursday, February 6 - Sunday, February 9, 2025

- Welcome Event is February 6th at 5:30pm. This is a mandatory event for captains AND players. It's a fun event with teams wearing outfits that reflect their team theme/name. Event will include food, fun, music and cash bar. It is recommended that you arrive on Wednesday and relax by the pool.
- Tennis Cup play is Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Teams receive their play schedule at the Welcome Event on Thursday.
- Following play on Sunday, we will end with an awards ceremony.



About Citrus Cup:

Citrus Cup is a women's doubles tournament. Its competitive but more importantly, its for fun and friendship!

- There is a no grump, no grouch and no complain rule...smiles, energy and cheering are rewarded!
- Teams consist of 4 to 6 players (see division rules below)
- Your team plays 9 ten game pro sets over 3 days
- Space is limited to 12 teams in each division.
- Citrus Cup is on clay courts
- Players must be over 40 years of age

Cost:

- Cost is \$185 per player. The \$185 covers 3 days of match play, welcome event, court time, balls, lunch on Friday and Saturday, and small prizes.
- Accommodations and travel are up to you and at your expense.
- Saddlebrook Resort will provide Citrus Cup lodging prices; a link to options and associated discounts will be sent to registered teams.

Divisions:

- Citrus Cup is comprised of two divisions.
 - 4.0/4.5 division is limited to:
 - ONE 4.5 player on court 1
 - No 4.5 players on court 2
 - 4.0/4.5 team must have a minimum of three 4.0 players on their team.
 - You can bring more than one 4.5 but you can only use one at a time.
 - Pure 4.0 teams are welcome to sign up: there will be a prize awarded to the first place straight 4.0 team
 - 3.5/4.0 division is limited to:
 - ONE 4.0 player on court 1
 - ONE 4.0 player on court 2
 - 3.5/4.0 team must have a minimum of two 3.5 players on their team
 - Pure 3.5 teams are welcome to sign up: there will be a prize awarded to the first place straight 3.5 team
- Teams consist of a captain and a minimum of 3 additional players.
 - There will be 4 players on the court at one time.
 - Many teams bring a total of 5 to 6 players so they have subs. Teams are a maximum of 6 players.



Player Ratings:

- Every player should rate as follows - when in doubt, call me.
 - Use USTA rating IF you are currently playing USTA (2024).
 - If your level of play is higher than your USTA rating, use level of play rating.
- I understand your desire to be competitive but please, be fair first! When in doubt, challenge yourself and play up.
- Do not sandbag - if it becomes obvious at the tournament, you won't be eligible for future Gourmet Cups.

Awards:

- Very small prizes awarded...
- First Place in Points (games won + bonus points).
- The Welcome Dinner "GREATfruit" Award: Its all about the Welcome Dinner! Teams come dressed to represent their team name. T-shirts/costumes, creativity, energy; its about having fun! Every team that participates in the "GREATfruit" Award will begin the tournament with 4 points.
- The "Floridian" Award: This award will be given by the tournament coordinator, to the team with the best costumes on Thursday night.
- The "Sunshine" Award: On the final day of play, teams will vote for the team that best demonstrated fun, team spirit and sportsmanship. The Sunshine Award winner is the ONLY winner that receives a guaranteed a spot in Citrus Cup 2026.

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