

Are you a C player who ...

- Wants to get more singles experience against similarly-skilled players?
- Wants to be part of a competitive tournament, but knows you'd get wiped out in an early round of the C tournament (or already did)?
- Is interested in meeting new people – or is at least willing to meet new people?

If so, then consider joining the fifth annual ...

Deep C Tournament

Here's how it works:

- In June and early July, you'll be part of a round robin pool of 3-5 players. Each member of the pool will play each other member of the pool, and report your results. These matches will be a pro-set format - first player to win 8 games. To the extent possible, pools will be set up to include evenly matched players.
- After these first round matches are complete there will be a bracket-style tournament for all players who entered, with seeding based on the pool results.
- All participants will be guaranteed at least three singles matches against other players of similar skill levels.

The main purpose here is to have some fun and play some competitive singles tennis against people you've never played before. It's easy to be self-conscious as a low C player, but we're hoping this'll help get people out on the courts and have fun even if they don't have a killer backhand or wicked drop shot. Maybe you'll even meet someone you want to play with more regularly!

For more information or to join, email rftcdeepe@juno.com. Entry deadline is June 2 and both the men's and women's draw will be announced by June 6.

More Details, If You Care

- The purpose of this enterprise is to give lower C players a chance to play more competitive matches.
 - a. We are going to trust people's honor to not "play down." If you've ever made it past the second round of the C tournament -- or if you regularly play competitively with people who have done so, and/or B players -- we would ask you to consider sitting this one out.
 - b. On the flip side, if you're not sure whether you're good enough to play in this tournament, be generous to yourself -- you probably are. That's the whole point. Complete beginners and people who've never played a competitive match before are absolutely welcomed.
- Entries are due by June 2. Email rftcdeepe@juno.com; all it takes is your name and email address. The pools will be selected and distributed by June 6.
- Pool play is round-robin; each member of a pool will play everybody else in the pool. Pool play will run from mid-June through early July. Results will be used to set the seeds for a single-elimination tournament to take place in July and into August.
- All pool players will be entered into the single-elimination tournament. A bracket for the tournament will be distributed in advance so everybody will know what the matchups will be; when the matchups are finalized by mid-July we will send around a finalized bracket.
- In the event of a tie in pool play, the tiebreaker will be cumulative game margin (e.g. how many more games did you win compared to your opponents). If any pool matches are not completed both players will be given a -6 game margin for that match, to encourage matches to be completed.
- When we know how many people we have we will suggest a loose schedule for the tournament, with suggested dates for round completion.
- Pool matches should be an eight-game pro set. Tournament matches will be best of three sets.
- Because courts won't be blocked off for this event, we would ask people to play at times when courts are readily available.

Questions? Thoughts? Get in touch with us at rftcdeepe@juno.com. See you on the courts!