

Baird and Fulton Cups and APTA Regions' Cup

Thursday, March 17, 2022

This year the Thursday events will have a slightly different look.

Each player who qualifies for Nationals can sign up to play in a Thursday event. The men will have two events, the Baird Cup and the APTA Men's Regions' Cup. The women will have the Fulton Cup and the APTA Women's Regions' Cup.

Men

Baird Cup

The Baird Cup will be a contest between the World and the US. (World players must have been born outside of the US). The top 15 world players and the top 15 US born players will play in the Baird Cup (and all others who have signed up will play for a team in the APTA Region's Cup). These teams will play each other in 3 consecutive matches with 6 lines per match. There will be no rules against stacking. Match ups will be determined by a new system that will be explained to the captains the day before the event.

Matches will be 2 out of 3 sets, no ad scoring, tie breaker at 6-6 and a match tiebreaker in lieu of the third set.

Anyone not selected for the above Baird Cup will be able to play in the APTA Regions' Cup (formerly known as Presidents Cup).

APTA Regions' Cup

This event will feature 8 region-based teams. The players from each region with the highest national ranking will be initially placed on their home region's team. Any team that does not have enough players to fill their own team will then have players added to their team from regions with extra players in a balanced manner.

The APTA Men's Regions' Cup will split teams into two groups of 4 teams each and play a full round robin in the morning. After lunch teams will play the team from the opposite group that finished in the corresponding position.

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Lines played per match will be determined based on total number of sign ups

Each 4 Team Group will play a full round robin in the morning.

Group Round Robin finishing places will be determined in this order:

- Team Matches Won
 - Individual Matches Won
 - Sets Won
 - Games Won

The afternoon match will be:

- Group A winner vs Group B winner
- Group A 2nd vs Group B 2nd

- Group A 3rd vs Group B 3rd
- Group A 4th vs Group B 4th

Women

Fulton Cup

The Women's Fulton Cup will consist of the top 30 nationally ranked players who have signed up for a Thursday event. All players will be assigned to one of two teams, using a flip of a coin for 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6 etc.

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APTA Women's Regions' Cup

Anyone not selected for the Fulton Cup will be able to play in the APTA Women's Regions' Cup (formerly known as Presidents Cup).

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The Regions' Cup will split teams into two groups of 4 teams each and play a full round robin in the morning. After lunch teams will play the team from the opposite pod that finished in the corresponding position. Finishing place will be determined by Team Match Wins, Individual Match Wins, Sets Won, and then Games Won.

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