

**“Ask not what your Club can do for you –
Ask what you can do for your Club”**
(Inspired by President John Kennedy’s 1961 inaugural speech)

Club Members,

Your Club Executive Board has converged on a solution to address the upcoming closure of the South Side Courts 1-4. In this email, I will provide an overview of the solution, which we call **Court Rotation**. I will follow up soon with more information to further illustrate how this solution will work, so **please be patient as your questions will likely be addressed then. It is critical you read this email and future ones related to the closure. Be aware our new trimester begins Monday 4/29 and we will be following the March lottery results court schedule because courts are not closed.**

Reasons we chose this solution:

- Fair to all
- Simple to implement
- Sustainable for the duration of court closure

Definitions:

- **Schedule 1-4** Lottery court reservations for Courts 1-4, which begins Monday 4/29.
- **Schedule 5-8** Lottery court reservations for Courts 5-8, which begins Monday 4/29.
- **Schedule 9-12** Lottery court reservations for Courts 9-12, which begins Monday 4/29.

How it will work:

Think of Courts 1-4 (South Side) as one block of 4 courts. Consider Courts 5-8 (North) a second block of 4 courts. Consider Courts 9-12 (North) a third block.

Prior to court closure, beginning April 29, **Schedule 1-4** occurs on South Side on courts 1, 2, 3, and 4. In addition, **Schedule 5-8** occurs on North Side on courts 5, 6, 7, and 8. **Schedule 9-12** occurs on courts 9, 10, 11, and 12. **Prior to closure, this is business as usual.**

We will let you know when the courts are closed and we need to implement our **Court Rotation** solution. For the **first week** of closure, **Schedule 1-4** will not occur. Basically, it has a “bye” that first week. If you were scheduled to play on courts 1-4, you will not play that week. Your group can choose not to play that week. Alternatively, you can go in to Chelsea and make a court request. **Schedule 5-8** occurs on courts 5-8 and **Schedule 9-12** occurs on courts 9-12. North Side is not affected week one.

On the **second week**, **Schedule 5-8 will not occur**. Basically, it has a “bye” on week two. If you were scheduled to play on courts 5-8, you will not play on your scheduled court that week. Your group can choose not to play or alternatively, you can go in to Chelsea and make a court request. This frees up courts 5-8, therefore, **Schedule 1-4** can occur on courts 5-8 that week. Court 5 is designated Court 1, Court 6 is designated Court 2, Court 7 is designated Court 3, and Court 8 is designated Court 4. Those with South Side court reservations, from the lottery, could not play on week one but can play the second week on courts 5-8. Those with reservations on 5-8, from the lottery, played during week one, but are displaced on week two. **Schedule 9-12** occurs with no change.

On the **third week**, **Schedule 9-12** will not occur. Basically, it has a “bye” on week three. If you were schedule to play on courts 9-12, you will not play on your scheduled court that week. Your group can choose not to play or alternatively, you can go in to Chelsea and make a court request. This frees up courts 9-12, therefore, **Schedule 1-4** can occur on courts 9-12 that week. Court 9 is designated Court 1, Court 10 is designated Court 2, Court 11 is designated Court 3, and Court 12 is designated Court 4. Those with South Side court reservations, from the lottery, could not play on week one but can play week 3 on courts 9-12. Those with reservations on 9-12, from the lottery, played during week one and two, but are displaced on week three. **Schedule 5-8** occurs with no change.

This 3 week cycle will be repeated on week 4, week 7, and onward for the duration of the closure. The **Court Rotation solution is for 7AM to 6PM only** because there were no lottery court reservations in the evening on the South Side. North Side lottery court reservations continue from 6PM onward and are not impacted at all.

Think of those who have reservations on South Side affectionately as our **Rovers**. They will play on courts 5-8 on week two and 9-12 on week three. Those courts are graciously freed up by Club members as we all share the pain. Again, I will provide some illustrations in future emails to further clarify. But **there is sufficient information in this email to enable you to look at your current lottery reservations and understand the impact** on you personally.

Some last facts you should know:

- We don't know when the court closure will occur
- Closure is anticipated to be 3 months but history says 5-7 months is possible
- On the week your group cannot play due to the rotation, we are working on an approach, which would free up your CAM number in Chelsea so you can request a court reservation manually.
- **Meet & Play** and some **Open Rated Play** will continue on North Side. (More information soon)
- When known, please cancel courts when you won't be using them so as to free up court time
- Keep monitoring email and **READ EVERY EMAIL CAREFULLY** to stay informed