

2023 APTA BOARD MEETING LEAGUE COMMITTEE

MISSION STATEMENT

The new League Committee was formed at the beginning of the 2022-23 season. It was established to support our member leagues in growing the sport and intersects with several other APTA committees in addressing the issues that arise during the season.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

With over 130 administrators participating, the League Slack Channel continues to be the best forum for League administrators to have questions answered. It is extremely active throughout the season and most questions/issues are answered promptly. Some of the Issues addressed this season included: how to collect payment for league registration and use of the APTA PayPal account, best way to incorporate a league 501c(7) non-profit or 501c(3) non-profit/charitable, use of the Paddlescores website, proper way to enter scores, particularly for Defaults, Forfeits or Retirements, tips for running local tournaments, how PTIs are used (or not used), playoffs, end of season prizes for winning teams etc.

APTA membership increased more than 10% in the 2022-2023 season, most of which can be attributed to increased participation in existing leagues as well as the addition of new leagues in several locations that were highlighted in the November report. Additional leagues this year included NJ Mixed, MiPaddle, New Canaan, Baltimore Women, DC Men, Columbia Country Club (DC), Columbus, SW Chicago Women, River Forest Park District (Chicago), Grosse Pointe (MI), Oakland Hills (MI) and Colorado.

After a change in leadership, the North Shore Chicago Women's Platform Tennis League(NSCWPTL) now called the Chicago North Suburban Women's Paddle League (CNSWPL), returned to Paddlescores for the second half of the season and will require APTA membership for next season.

The APTA has developed tools to help league administrators and PTI committees identify players whose initial start ratings may have been inaccurate to help facilitate the necessary adjustments. Reports were generated mid-season to identify players whose PTI changed significantly over a small number of matches, indicating that start rating adjustments were needed. This was done at the mid-point of the season during the holiday break.

After member participation in various tournaments across regions, including PTI Nationals and Team Nationals, it became apparent that several leagues' PTI were off, based on their performance vs. players from other regions with similar PTI. These leagues will be adjusted for "league skew" in May now that the season is over. These leagues were Baltimore Women & Men, DC Men, and Cincinnati Men & Women.

Last summer the APTA held a Zoom League Summit call for league administrators to review enhancements to the Paddlescores website for the upcoming season. We will do the same again this summer. The call will also include a review of the process for online registration and address any questions/issues prior to the opening of registration. One new Paddlescores feature, which is being tested this summer, will be to allow registration for multiple leagues in the same area on the same

home page. From there, you can still access the individual home pages for any of the leagues running in the area but makes sense in areas where registration fees are the same for every league. We would now have one registration place which gets you access to all those leagues.

Submitted by Chair Sue Pijawka