



Love to Remember Tournament Player Guide

6th Annual Tournament

Friday, October 23 - Sunday, October 25, 2026

Outer Banks Love to Remember Racquet Sports Charity Tournament Player Guide

Introduction

Welcome to the 6th Annual Outer Banks Love to Remember, an annual Mixed, Men's and Ladies' doubles tennis & pickleball tournament designed to benefit the OBX Dementia Friendly Coalition. The Coalition supports the Dementia Friendly programs in our community. Thank you for participating. *We hope this guide will help you have a great tournament for a great cause!*

The Outer Banks Dementia Friendly Coalition Facebook page will serve as the tournament site. One does not need to be a member of Facebook to view this page. Draws will also be emailed to each player.

<https://www.facebook.com/HealthyCaroliniansDementiaTaskForce>

Please bookmark this page. The guide will refer to it often and you can always go to the Facebook page for the latest tournament information including tournament draws, brackets, match scores, pictures, and important announcements. The page is continuously updated throughout the tournament.

What Your Entry Fee Includes

- All match play
- Exhibition Match with our local Pros at Duck Woods Country Club Saturday @ 6pm
- Player party Friday evening beginning at 6 p.m. Dinner. Auction items will be available for bidding.

As this is a charity event to benefit the OBX Dementia Friendly Coalition there will be no refunds for players, guests or sponsor cancellations by individual teams or event cancellation due to circumstances beyond our control, such as hurricane evacuation or other natural or human disaster. The event will not be rescheduled.

Venues

All matches and evening events will be held at Duck Woods Country Club. Some match play may take place at Family Recreation Park (Dare County Parks and Rec.) In the event of inclement weather, matches will move to the Pine Island Racquet & Fitness Club, and Corolla Light Resort (Sports Center) and for Pickleball indoors at the Youth Center at Family Recreation Park (Dare County Parks and Recreation). Appendix A contains addresses for all venues. See the **Inclement Weather** section of this manual for details on what to do if it rains.

Player Divisions

This year's tournament divisions will be determined after registration closes on Wednesday, October 14th.

Tournament Brackets - Tennis

Match play brackets are maintained for each division. Initially all teams begin playing in the A Bracket for their division. The first time a team loses it moves to the B Bracket.

The brackets are designed to enable all teams to play 2 matches. All teams losing their second match have concluded their tournament play. Teams that win their 2nd match continue to play until they either win their bracket or lose a match.

Tournament Brackets - Pickleball

Play will begin by "pool play" to determine final brackets for match play. Match play brackets are maintained for each division based upon the outcome of the pool play.

Up to Date Brackets – Finding Out When You Play

At any time during the tournament, please check the Facebook page for updated bracket information. *These brackets list the location and times of all matches.* They also show teams advancing through the brackets. Updated bracket information is also posted throughout the tournament days at the *Information Desk* at each playing venue.

Two Match Minimum

Every effort will be made to assure that every tennis team has the chance to play in 2 matches. However, byes and forfeits can interfere. ***Please remember that forfeiting a match for any reason also denies another team the opportunity to play.*** If a team misses the chance to play 2 matches because of a bye or a forfeit, please contact a tournament director for assistance. We will try our best to find you an opportunity to play a 2nd match with a suitable team.

Bracket Finals

Tennis Finals for all brackets (A and B) within each division will take place on Sunday. Should a “Rain Day” be declared, these matches will be moved to Pine Island and Corolla Light.

Pickleball Finals will be held the same day of play for each event. Mixed Doubles on Friday, and Men’s and Ladies’ Doubles on Saturday. No play for Pickleball on Sunday.

Awards

An award will be given to Champions and Finalists in each of the A brackets in each division.

Match Format (How Play Works)

Tennis: Each tennis match will be Fast Four, best 2 of 3 sets, regular scoring for the first two sets with a tiebreaker, if needed, to determine the winner of the 3rd set. Due to the very high number of matches which need to be played, we will adhere strictly to the USTA rules of play and the code of conduct.

Pickleball: Players will be set up into pools and play matches to determine Bracket Entry. Once Bracket entry is determined, play is best two out of three matches. Games are 11 points. (Based upon the number of registrations this may change.)

Everyone’s support is most appreciated! (In the event of inclement weather, match play will be shortened to accommodate all matches. See *Inclement Weather Plan* below for details.)

Player Check-In

Registrations will be completed via the Jotform and tournament fees are paid in advance. We will utilize the phone number and email address you provided during registration should we need to reach you.

As a courtesy to everyone, all players should arrive and check-in 30 minutes before each scheduled match at the *Information Desk* at your playing venue.

Once all 4 players have checked in, you will be assigned to a court and *Warm-up and Play* may begin. Players must check in before each match to confirm they are ready to play.

Disputes

From time to time there may be issues during play that require resolution. A *Tournament Director* is on site during all play. Should such a situation arise, please ask a volunteer to page the *Tournament Director*. All decisions by a *Tournament Director* are considered final

Warm-Up

Players will be allowed a 5-minute warm-up (including restroom time), prior to beginning match play. The warm-up time limit must be strictly adhered to keep all matches on schedule. Once all players are available and, on the court, we ask that you abide by the 5-minute warm-up time limitation and then begin match play.

Late Arrival

If players arrive more than 15 minutes later than scheduled match play times, the late team will forfeit the match.

Breaks

As a courtesy to all please keep breaks to a minimum.

For tennis matches this includes bathroom breaks, and delays exceeding 90 seconds for changeovers. If a 3rd set is required (a tiebreaker), teams are allowed an up to 2-minute break before beginning the tiebreaker.

For pickleball play, breaks are not standard as no changeovers occur within each game.

Substitutes

From time to time, between player registration and actual tournament play, an illness, injury, family emergency, or other reason prevents a team member from participating in the tournament. Substitute players may be inserted into a team prior to the opening round of tournament play for a valid reason and subject to the approval of the Tournament Chairman. The substitute player's USTA/NTRP or DUPR rating must be the same, or lower than, that of the original.

In certain instances, subject to the Tournament Chairman's approval, substitutions may be made during the tournament for the purpose of enabling match play to continue.

Reporting Scores

The winning team is responsible for reporting the match score to the **Information Desk** promptly when match play is complete, so that brackets can be updated. The losing team should confirm the score with the **Information Desk**.

Inclement Weather Plan

If the Tournament Director decides weather conditions, (i.e., rain), seriously threaten scheduled outdoor play, play planned for that day will be moved to the inside courts of Pine Island Racquet

& Fitness Club and Corolla Light Resort, with play condensed to 5 courts, two HarTru and three Plexi-cushion here is what you need to know:

- A notice will be posted on the Love to Remember Facebook page advising players that due to inclement weather, play has been moved indoors.
- An Inclement Weather Schedule, listing the time and location of all matches will be posted on the Facebook page.
- If you are unsure as to whether a Rain Day has been declared, please check the Facebook page and your email.
- If a rain day has been declared all matches MAY be changed to a modified format. This will happen only if time constraints force the format to be shortened.
- All policies about check-in (30 minutes prior to a match), warm-up (5 minutes), and forfeit, (15 minutes), will continue to be followed.

Obviously, we wish for beautiful days every day of the tournament. However, in the event we do need to declare a Rain Day, we ask for everyone's cooperation and patience.

Lost and Found

It's easy for many things to be misplaced at a tennis tournament – rackets, caps, sunglasses, etc. If you have lost something, please stop by the information desk at your venue. They probably have it. Or, if things are left on your court from a previous match, please bring these to the information desk.

Tournament Directors

- Tennis: Kevin Cretella, 703-489-3794 dwtenis@duckwoodsgcc.com
- Pickleball: Donnie Jones

Appendix A

Duck Woods Country Club
50 South Dogwood Trail

Kitty Hawk, NC 27949

Family Recreation Park (Dare County Parks and Rec)

602 Mustian Street

Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

- Behind the Brewing Station

Pine Island Racquet and Fitness Center

290 Audubon Drive

Corolla, NC 27927

Corolla Light Fitness Center

1026 Ocean Trail

Corolla, NC 27927