

Serve'Aces: A Fireball League

LNTA is excited to introduce Serve'Aces (Cervezas – get it!?)- **THE FIRST** tennis bar league in the state of North Carolina. The response to Serve'Aces has been tremendous. I wanted to take this opportunity to provide some details on what is sure to be an exciting new way to bring tennis friends together, experienced or not, to play in a non-threatening environment- the bar!

What is Fireball tennis and how does it relate to Serve'Aces?

Fireball Tennis is a format that is played on a modified court with modified equipment. Your skill level doesn't matter because the modified equipment puts everyone on an even playing field. The goal is to bring **all skill levels** together. You can play co-ed doubles with your friends even if they have never played tennis in their lives!

Where is Serve'Aces Played?

Many thanks to **D9, Ass Clown, Bayne Brewing Companies and Cornelius Drafthouse and Bottle Shop**. These are our awesome partners and sponsors. Home and away matches will be played on site at each of these locations.

Who can play? Anyone who is 21 years or older. No USTA membership required!

Teams: Teams can consist of up to 10 players, men or women (we think co-ed is more fun) but only 3-6 players will play each week so you may want to keep your rosters small! You can create a team of friends or join a team that we create and you can make new friends! Each team will need an Ambassador who will coordinate who plays each week.

Court & Equipment: Serve'Aces will be played on a 36" court that will be set up in the parking lot with a pop up net. Smaller racquets and low compression foam balls (Fireball) will be used and provided by LNTA. Teams just need to show up on time ready to drink, play and have a great time. Be sure to bring some cheerleaders to share the fun and support these fabulous sponsors!

Format and scoring? Three courts of doubles will be played, one after the other. Three to six players can play a match. Each individual match should take between 20-30 minutes.

Rules: There will be a few simple, easy to follow rules which will be available on site. Not exactly "Tennis for Dummies" but you get the idea.

When? Matches will be scheduled on Thursdays at 7pm beginning August 18. The season will consist of at least 6 matches but the number of teams will determine how many weeks the league will last.

Cost? Only \$25 per player and you will get a free t-shirt. Players on the winning team will receive a pint glass, and a growler trophy will be given to the winning establishment. Everyone will be invited to an "end of season" party sponsored by LNTA and hosted by the bar with the winning team. So bring your "A" game to support your bar and bring the party to your place!

For more information, please go to our website at www.lnta.org. You can sign up online!

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