

The Martin Cup



The Martin Cup, honoring long-time champion, Alastair B. Martin, (both depicted above) is a new intercity team court tennis tournament for seniors. It is modeled on the extremely successful and popular Whitney Cup that has been played more or less annually for nearly a century. Like the Whitney Cup, the Martin Cup format is expected to evolve to meet the needs and desires of the players and clubs.

The “first edition” of the Martin Cup will take place October 26-29, 2023, at Westwood Country Club. Like the Whitney Cup, it will be a doubles competition, and it is expected to be played annually or biannually at Westwood Country Club in Vienna, VA. Just as in the Whitney Cup, Martin Cup teams can represent single cities or be composed of players from multiple clubs. At the outset, it might even be necessary to group teams regionally, if only to get the ball rolling. Like the World Masters, the Martin Cup is co-ed.

Each team will consist of six players: two aged 50+; two aged 60+; and two aged 70+ (thus matching the World Masters team categories). Each match will consist of three doubles matches (one in each age group). The overall format of the “first edition” of the Martin Cup competition (round-robin or single elimination) will depend upon the number of teams entered. Details of the competition (order of play, length of matches, seeding, rules regarding substitute players, handicaps, etc.) will be determined by a committee of Martin family members, organizers and team captains then adjusted as experience dictates, but the initial template will be the Whitney Cup rules that have been used successfully for about 25 years.

Like the Whitney Cup, the Martin Cup is not an official USCTA event. It is intended to offer exciting intercity competition to former Whitney Cup players who have ‘aged out’ and to others who have not had that opportunity. We hope it will also provide an excellent way for senior teams to prepare for World Masters competition in the same age brackets. Perhaps most importantly, it honors the Martin legacy by gathering the senior US court tennis community for competition and conviviality in a very comfortable setting close to our nation’s capital.

The Martin Cup itself is a repurposed trophy won multiple times by Alastair Martin and has been donated by Simmy Martin Jain and Christopher Martin, two of Alastair’s grandchildren.

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