

# 79<sup>th</sup> SWAT OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

*The Leader of Valley Tennis Tournaments Since 1946 and  
A Tribute to Community Tennis and the Spirit of the Game*

July 23<sup>rd</sup> through July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at the

## AUGUSTA HEALTH FITNESS CLAY COURT TENNIS FACILITY

### Honoring SWAT's Founder, Colonel Frank Pancake!

We are excited to announce that this year's SWAT OPEN will honor SWAT Founder, Colonel Frank Pancake. Frank was a longtime military officer (VMI 1938 graduate, Commander of the 39<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group 1943), educator (Political Science Professor at Mary Baldwin College), civic leader (Mayor of Staunton 1976), and local tennis advocate (founded SWAT in 1974 and active tennis member of Augusta Health Fitness) with deep ties to Staunton and the Shenandoah Valley.

The SWAT Open also makes an exciting move this year to the Clay Courts at Augusta Health Fitness (with indoor court back-up in case of inclement weather)! Additionally, the professional tennis staff at AHF will oversee the administration of this special event!

We hope you can join us for this historic event!

### *Our Entry Window is Now OPEN! Get In the Game and Play the Clay!*

Events:      Women's Open Singles (8 Player Max)  
                    Women's Open Doubles (8 Team Max)  
                    Women's Intermediate Singles (6 Player Max)  
                    Women's Intermediate Doubles (6 Team Max)

                    Men's Open Singles (8 Player Max)  
                    Men's Open Doubles (8 Team Max)  
                    Men's Intermediate Singles (8 Player Max)  
                    Men's Intermediate Doubles (8 Team Max)

                    Mixed Open Doubles (8 Team Max)  
                    Mixed Intermediate Doubles (8 Team Max)

- ❖ Best 2 of 3 One-Deuce-Only Sets with the 3<sup>rd</sup> set being contested as a 10-Point Match Tiebreak. Standard 12 Point Tiebreak played at 6-6 in 1<sup>st</sup> and/or 2<sup>nd</sup> Sets. 2<sup>nd</sup> Deuce/Deciding Game Points will be played to the side of choice of the Returner unless in Mixed Doubles where the Server must serve to the Returner of the same gender.

Matches played indoors due to inclement weather will be contested as an 8 Game One-Deuce-Only Pro Set with a 10-Point Match Tiebreak played at 7-7. 2<sup>nd</sup> Deuce/Deciding Game Points will be played to the side of choice of the Returner unless in Mixed Doubles where the Server must serve to the Returner of the same gender.

- ❖ East and West Draws (2 matches guaranteed unless a loss by forfeit).
- ❖ You may enter 3 events. Players choosing to enter 2 or 3 events MUST understand that you may be playing multiple matches per day due to that choice.
- ❖ Tournament Directors reserve the right to re-classify an entry or decline an entry with player notification before being done.
- ❖ Matches contested under the USTA Rules for Non-Officiated Match Play.
- ❖ Players must be available to play at any time during the following dates and times:
  - Thu July 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:30 PM to 10 PM
  - Fri July 24<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM to 10 PM
  - Sat July 25<sup>th</sup> 8 AM to 8 PM
  - Sun July 26<sup>th</sup> 8 AM to 8 PM
  - Mon July 27<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM to 10 PM
  - Tue July 28<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM to 10 PM
- ❖ \*Player conflicts WILL NOT be considered!
- ❖ Entry Fee is \$30 per player, per event registered. Current SWAT Members receive \$5 off entry to 1 event. Checks only please and make them payable to: *Augusta Health Fitness*. Full payments required at the check-in desk prior to your first match.
- ❖ Entry deadline is Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM. This is a firm date and time on the deadline.
- ❖ All players (each player and their partners) MUST email the information requested below to secure a spot in the event. A Doubles Team does not have a spot until we have information on both players. Entries are accepted in first come first serve order and according to the information above.

**To enter the event, make sure you have looked closely at the dates and times the event will be held and will be able to fully honor that commitment (make sure your partner(s) are aware of this commitment as well!), then you may email Coach Chad at [creed@augustahealth.com](mailto:creed@augustahealth.com) the requested information below:**

**1. Your name:**

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**2. Your email:**

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**3. Your mobile phone number**

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**4. The events you wish to enter:**

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**5. Are you a current SWAT Member? YES - NO**

**6. Are you a current Augusta Health Fitness member? YES - NO**

**7. Your partner's name and email for each event you wish to enter:**

Name\_\_\_\_\_Email\_\_\_\_\_

Name\_\_\_\_\_Email\_\_\_\_\_

Name\_\_\_\_\_Email\_\_\_\_\_

**8. Is your partner(s) a current SWAT Member? YES – NO**

**9. Is your partner(s) a current Augusta Health Fitness Member? YES – NO**

**10. Your partner's mobile phone number for each event you wish to enter:**

Name\_\_\_\_\_Email\_\_\_\_\_

Name\_\_\_\_\_Email\_\_\_\_\_

Name\_\_\_\_\_Email\_\_\_\_\_

**You will receive a confirmation e-mail back from Coach Chad letting you know that you are in the event or have been placed on the waiting list.**

Coach Chad, Coach Greg, Coach Jeremy, Coach Freddie  
2026 SWAT Open Tournament Directors