

## 2020 Flex League Local Rules/ Information

Flex league is a great way to play tennis 'on your schedule'. For this league to work, it's important that:

- 1) **Communication with your fellow players is critical to schedule your matches. Please be responsive. If you are injured and need to play matches later in the season, just let others know.**
- 2) **Please value everyone's time. Be on time, keep your commitment to play. Play as many of your matches as possible.**

**Season Key Dates:** Please note the final date to complete matches. **Winter/ Spring season ends 5/10/2020.**

**Withdrawing from the league:** If you cannot continue in the season (i.e. injury), please notify your opponents and Randie (League Coordinator- SanDiegoUSTA@gmail.com).

### Match Schedules/ Contacts:

Suggested schedules are posted on the USTA website. Log into your account, click on TennisLink, click on Leagues and then click on your team name. The dates are just a placeholder to help spread out your matches. Your opponents contact info is on the Captain's Report (a tab on your team page) and also at the top of the page for each team.

Matches/ opponents may be played anytime and in a different order as long as it's before the end of the season.

Players will have roughly half home and away matches-the first player listed on the schedule is Home.

Home player arranges for and covers any costs for courts or guest fees. It is fine to mutually agree on a location if one player has access to 'free' courts or if because of distance, you decide to find a location in between.

Please reconfirm your match a few days in advance to make sure nothing has changed.

### Rescheduling matches:

Please make every effort to play when you commit to play. **Everyone's time is valuable- please be considerate.** If you have to cancel the same match a second time, it will become a defaulted match unless both players choose to play.

### Format of Play:

- Best 2 of 3 regulation sets. Coman set tiebreak is used at 6-6 (first to 7 points leading by 2 points).

If both players agree to play a match tiebreak (first to 10 points leading by 2 points) instead of a 3<sup>rd</sup> set, enter the 3<sup>rd</sup> set score as '1-0, Timed Match'. If players don't agree, the full 3<sup>rd</sup> set should be played.

- Both players should bring a new can of balls and the winner gets to keep the new can.

- Winning player should enter the score within a day of the match being played. Please confirm score before you leave.

**Entering Scores:** From your team page, click on match date between you and your opponent and click on 'enter scores'.

- **Always input scores from the way the winner would tell someone.** (For example, I won the first set 6-3, lost the 2<sup>nd</sup> set 4-6 and won the 3<sup>rd</sup> set 7-5. Enter 6-3, 4-6, 7-5 regardless of who is home or visitor.)

- **Match type dropdown options:**

Completed- Most matches should fall into this category.

Retirement- One match has begun and a player need to stop playing (usually injury or time issue)

Default- For no show, late arrival or multiple cancellations. Score will be 6-0, 6-0 Default.

Timed Match- Players mutually agree to play a match tiebreak instead of a full set. Enter 1-0 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> set score.

**Score Input Corrections:** If there is a mistake on an entered score, please email (SanDiegoUSTA@gmail.com) right away and cc your opponent to confirm the change. (Include the match date or ID#).

Please make sure that you are a positive example of goodwill on the court. Click to read: [The Code](#)

Wishing everyone good luck, great sportsmanship and a winning experience during USTA Flex League Season!

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