



## Winter 2021 – FLEX ONE Doubles

The FLEX ONE Doubles format groups players on two to six player Squads. Squads will be grouped in flights for Round Robin Play. If an area's division has more than one flight, flight winners will then play off for a spot to represent the area at the Winter Squad Sectional.

### ONE DOUBLES FORMAT

One Doubles line (one match)

Men's: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0

Women's: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0

Scoring - Three sets- 10-point tiebreaker in lieu of 3<sup>rd</sup> set, regular scoring

Season Length – Jan 1, 2021 – Feb 28, 2021

Squad size – 2-6 players, one of which is the point person

Squads/Point People - schedule their own matches following the scheduling outline provided by the ALC

### MIXED ONE DOUBLES FORMAT

One Doubles line (one match)

Levels: 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0

Scoring - Three sets- 10-point tiebreaker in lieu of 3<sup>rd</sup> set, regular scoring

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### FLEX ONE DOUBLES SPECIFICS

- **USTA Membership:** Current USTA Membership is required.
- **Registration:** Two players must be registered on Tennis Link prior to the first match. Minimum age is 18 years old. Each squad member must also sign a USTA SoCal Player Waiver.
- **Roster Size:** Squad size is restricted to a minimum of two players and a maximum of six. Recommended 3 -4.
- **NTRP Rating Requirements:** Players may play at their NTRP rating level or 0.5 higher. The NTRP rating of each player may not exceed the level of each Division. Valid computer, mixed or self-rating is required.
- **NTRP In-Level Requirements:** A ONE DOUBLES squad must be composed of at least 50% of players at rating. In all matches at least 50% of the ONE DOUBLES pair must be at the rated level. Example: one 3.5 may play with a 4.0 in a 4.0 One Doubles match. Two 3.5 players would not be eligible to play the 4.0 match together. If this occurs the match will be DQ'd as an ineligible player in the match. This is non-negotiable and will be recorded as such. In all matches, a MIXED ONE DOUBLES squad must be composed of players whose combined NTRP rating levels do not exceed the division NTRP level. If the player's ratings exceed the division NTRP level, the match will be DQ'd citing an ineligible player in the match. This is non-negotiable and will be recorded as such.
- **NTRP Ratings:** Match results will be used in 2021 year-end NTRP rating calculations

- **Squad Match Format:** A match consists of one individual doubles match.
- **Scheduling:** A match schedule outline will be provided through Tennis Link. FLEX Play uses 'play by' dates to encourage players to schedule weekly matches. Matches can be played at any time, in any order, as long as they are completed by the season end deadline. The squad listed as 'home' should reserve the courts for their home matches. The date, time, and location of the match must be agreed upon by both squads. If a match is postponed, it should be rescheduled and completed as soon as possible. Matches should always be played in the area sponsoring the division unless agreed upon by both squads. (Example: all Beach Cities matches should be played in Beach Cities) If a squad is unable to make contact with their opponents after 3 tries (2 via email and 1 by phone), a default will be entered.
- **Tennis Balls:** Area League coordinator to determine who brings balls.
- **Court Fees:** If there are court fees, the home squad is responsible to pay court costs/guest fees unless the visiting squad explicitly agrees.
- **Unplayed Matches:** A "double default" will be recorded if the match is not complete by the end of the regular season. A squad who challenges the "double squad default" on the basis that they tried to schedule, and the other squad didn't cooperate must be able to document their efforts (with at least two emails, one phone call & contacted area league coordinator). If there is documentation, then the Squad who made the effort will receive a win for that forfeited match.
- **Scoring Format Used:** 2 out of 3 sets with 3<sup>rd</sup> set being a 10-pt. match tiebreak, win by 2. Regular Scoring – play out the deuces.
- **Advancement Opportunities:** Area Division Champions may advance the Winter Squad Sectional. Competition at all levels is subject to whether there are enough squads participating to hold a sectional event. \*Note: USTA SoCal will only host a Winter Squad Sectional if it is safe and permissible to do so.
- **Advancement Requirements:** Players must play in a minimum of one match to advance to Playoff and Sectional events (a default received will NOT count as one match played).
- **Winter Squad Sectional:** Early April 2021 – Location and exact dates TBD