



## Winter 2021 - FLEX SINGLES PLAY

FLEX Play offers fun and competitive matches for players of all levels. Players get all the thrills, excitement and fun of the USTA League, but on their own schedule. They play whenever it's convenient for them and are expected to exercise the highest level of integrity while competing in this program.

Each Local League Area might run their FLEX Singles a little differently, but here is a general outline of the program.

**Scheduling:** 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 home player is responsible for initial contact to schedule the match but both players are encouraged to make contact. It's recommended to contact all opponents at the beginning of the season to start the scheduling dialog. Player(s) listed as 'home' should reserve the courts for their home matches and expect that the 'away' player travels to them. The 'home' player can offer to travel to the 'away' player's location if he/she chooses. The date, time, and location of the match must be agreed upon by both players. If a match is postponed, it should be rescheduled and completed as soon as possible. If a player is unable to make contact with their opponent after 3 tries (2 via email and 1 by phone), a default will be entered.

**Facilities and Courts:** Players need to know the courts they're planning to use in advance (lights, condition, parking, time restrictions, Covid guidelines, etc) and communicate this to their opponents. During the COVID-19 pandemic, clubs may prohibit non-members from coming to the facility. If their club currently does not allow non-members in, they will need to find another facility to play their home matches out of. Matches should always be played in the area sponsoring the division unless agreed upon by both sides. (Example: all Beach Cities matches should be played in Beach cities) It is recommended to reserve a 2 hour time slot so that there is sufficient amount of time to finish a match. Rescheduling an unfinished match can be difficult, especially for the visitor. The home player is responsible to pay for court fees or any guest fees their club/facility has.

**Match Scoring:** Scoring format is best 2 of 3 sets with a 10-point match tiebreaker in lieu of a third set and scored as 1-0. If both players agree, the third set may be played out, but will still be scores as 1-0. Either player reports the score, which needs to be entered as the winner's perspective. The opposing player confirms.