



## Winter 2022 – FLEX ONE Doubles

The FLEX ONE Doubles format groups players on two to six player Teams. Teams will be grouped in flights for Round Robin Play.

### GENDER 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 – ends Apr. 17, 2022

Team size – 2-6 players, one of which is the captain

Teams/Captains - 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

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### FLEX ONE DOUBLES SPECIFICS

**USTA Membership:** Current USTA Membership is required.

**Registration:** All players must be registered on Tennis Link prior to the first match. Minimum age is 18 years old.

**Roster Size:** Team size is restricted to a minimum of two players and a maximum of six

**Changing squads** - Once a player plays a match, they are committed to the team. A player cannot change teams after half of their team matches have been played. For example, if there are 6 matches, then a player may not change teams after 3 matches have been played. This ONLY applies to player(s) who have not played a match yet. Teams may ONLY add a new player before half of their team matches have been played. For example, if there are 6 matches, then a player may not be added after 3 matches have been played. If there are 7 matches, then a player may not be added after 4 matches have been played.

**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 GENDER squad must be composed of at least 50% of players at rating - Julie/Area League Coordinator has waived this.) **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 year-end NTRP rating calculations.

**Team 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 home team is responsible for initial contact to schedule the match but both teams are encouraged to make contact.** It's recommended to contact all opponents at the beginning of the season to start the scheduling dialog. The team listed as 'home' should reserve the courts for their home matches and expect that the 'away' team travels to them. The 'home' team can offer to travel to the 'away' team's location if they choose. It is recommended to reserve a 1.5-2 hour time slot so that there is sufficient amount of time to finish a match. The date, time, and location of the match must be agreed upon by both teams. 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 teams. (Example: all Beach Cities matches should be played in Beach Cities) If a team is unable to make contact with their opponents after 3 tries (2 via email and 1 by phone), a default will be entered. Teams can reschedule matches if a mutually agreed up on new date and time is approved by the ALC.

**Tennis Balls:** The visiting team provides balls.

**Court Fees:** If there are court fees, the home team is responsible to pay court costs/guest fees unless the visiting team explicitly agrees.

**Unplayed Matches:** A "double default" will be recorded if the match is not complete by the end of the regular season. A team who challenges the "double squad default" on the basis that they tried to schedule and the other team 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 team 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.

**Levels Offered at Local League:** To be determined by Area League Coordinator but will include a combination of the below:

Men's 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, and 5.0 divisions

Women's 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, and 5.0 divisions

Mixed Combo 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, and 10.0 divisions