2022 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.**
   No shows after matches are confirmed between players are defaults and will be kept on file as sportsmanship violations which may result in formal grievances at the Section level.
3) Try to play as many of your matches as possible. Prizes at the end of the season!
4) Follow ALL COVID protocols for safe tennis!

Season Key Dates: Final date to enter scores is 5/1/22

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

Match Schedules/ Contacts:
Log into your account on the USTA website, click on TennisLink, click on USTA Leagues (not Flex Leagues) and then click on your team name. You will see your matches.

- **Captain's Report**- has all contact information for the players in the league
- **Match Schedule**- has the home/ away list for each match and player contact info.
  The weekly schedule is a guideline to help spread out matches but 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 is responsible for providing a clean, safe court for play. They will arrange 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.
Both players should bring a new can of balls: Winner keeps the new can and losing player keeps the used match balls.

Please reconfirm your match a few days in advance.

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 sets with a 10 point match tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set. Coman set tiebreak is used at 6-6 (first to 7 points leading by 2 points).   If both players agree to play the full 3rd set out, the match score will still be entered as 1-0. If players don't agree, the match tiebreak should be played.
- Winning player should enter the score within a day of the match being played. Please agree on 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 2nd set 4-6 and won the 3rd set tiebreak 1-0. Enter 6-3, 4-6, 1-0 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)

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

<u>Timed Match</u>- If you expect to run out of court time, use the Timed Match Procedure to determine winner.

- **Score Input Corrections:** If there is a <u>mistake on an entered score</u>, please email Rachel right away and cc your opponent to confirm the change. (Include the level, match date or Match 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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