



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

2024 Winter/ Spring One Singles Flex League Information

Flex league is a great way to play tennis on your own schedule. You'll meet great people and enjoy lots of tennis. For this league to work, it's important that you:

- **Communicate.**
 - Either player can reach out to schedule a match. You can play your matches at any time during the season or you can try to follow the 'suggested' weekly schedule. The 'home' player should be clear about any time limits for the court reservation (e.g., 60 minutes, 90 minutes) so players can plan accordingly.
 - Out of courtesy, please respond to schedule requests within 72 hours.
 - Confirm your match a few days before your scheduled date. Make sure you can reach each other on match day by text.
- **Be on time and keep your scheduled match commitments.**
 - Be respectful of each other's time. 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.
 - If something urgent and/or unanticipated comes up, and you can't play your scheduled match, please give as much advance notice as possible. See below regarding rescheduling matches.
- **Play as many matches as possible.**
- Everyone in this league signed up because they want to play. Please make every effort to schedule and play as many matches as possible
- **Follow the rules outlined in Friend at Court.** Play with courtesy and cooperation. Respect the rules and policies of any facility where you play. Friend at Court (including The Code of Tennis pages 51-57)
– [2023 FRIEND AT COURT](#)
- **'AT A GLANCE' RULES HANDOUT** Our new brochure can help you with those FAQ about how to solve a rules question .during a match. It's easy to read and a must have for your tennis bag!
[Printable- On court rules and etiquette](#)

Fall Season Key Dates:

- 1/31/24: Season start date
- 5/5/24 Enter scores by this date in order to be eligible for Playoff matches*
- 5/27/24 - Final date to enter scores for all matches

*Playoff matches are optional for the players who are determined to be the 'winners' of their flights. A minimum of 4 matches must be completed (more is better). ALC will review actual matches played, games won % and head to head matches between top players to name the winner. In most cases, there will be one winner per flight. Format may be a round robin or a tournament style elimination. It will be determined when we set up schedules.

Players can continue to play through May but those matches will not be considered for playoffs.

Ratings: Matches will count toward year end ratings.

Schedule Notes:

Open spots are held for late joiners to the league where we had an odd number of teams in a flight. In the next few weeks, these may fill in with player names and information and will be an additional match in your season.

If you would like to arrange a match with a player from another flight, please let us know and we can add it as a bonus match after your regular season matches are complete. The same is true if you had a great match and want to play someone again.

Match 'Schedules' and 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. Click on the bolded tabs below for more information on your opponents.

How to View Your Schedule | **WATCH**

- **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.
- If you are injured or traveling and need to play matches later in the season, just let your opponents know.
- Players will have roughly half home and away matches - the first player listed on the schedule in TennisLink will host.

- **“Home” player responsibilities:** Home player provides new balls and a clean and safe court for play. They will arrange for and cover 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.

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.

Match Defaults vs Unplayed Matches: Reasons to default a match include: matches being canceled/rescheduled multiple times or a player no-showing. Otherwise, unplayed matches should remain “not played” in Tennislink. (i.e. not able to find a mutual date to play, the player has withdrawn from the league due to injury).

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 10-point match tiebreak should be played. [Coman Tiebreak Procedure](#)

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- Time limited matches- If you have limited court time, review the [Timed Match Procedure](#) before you start so you are familiar with what to do when the time is running out. It will guide you on how to finish the match based on the current score

Entering Scores: Winning player should enter the score within a day of the match being played. *Please agree on the final score before you leave the court.* From your team page in Tennislink, click on the match date between you and your opponent and click on ‘enter score’.

- Always input scores from the winner’s perspective. 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 - The match began, but a player needed to stop playing (i.e. injury or time issue).

Default - For no-show, late arrival beyond 15 minutes without a call, or multiple cancellations. Score will be 6-0, 6-0 Default.

Timed Match - If you need to determine the winner using the [Timed Match Procedure](#), enter the games completed from the winner’s point of view (i.e. 6-4, 4-2 or if split sets, 6-4, 2-4) If you have limited time on your court reservation, please communicate prior to the match starting. Before you start, you should agree to play by the Timed Match Procedure or agree to reschedule continuing if/ when you run out of time.

How to Enter Your Match Scores | [WATCH](#)

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

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).

Please make sure that you are a positive example of goodwill on the court. Wishing everyone good luck, great sportsmanship and a winning experience during USTA One Singles Season!
Wishing you great matches in 2024!

Karol and Randie, your USTA League Coordinators

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Registration Team Numbers:

Team Numbers by Level			
Men	Team #	Women	Team #
3.0	6518875759	3.0	6518875764
3.5	6518875760	3.5	6518875765
4.0	6518875762	4.0	6518875766
4.5	6518875763	4.5	Email