

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)
 - Default- For no show, late arrival or multiple cancellations. Score will be 6-0, 6-0 Default.
 - Timed Match- If you expect to run out of court time, use the Timed Match Procedure to determine winner.

- **Score Input Corrections:** If there is a mistake on an entered score, 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!

Randie Lettington ALC San Diego SanDiegoLeagues@scta.usta.com

Rachel Bevis San Diego League Admin SanDiegoLeagueAdmin@scta.usta.com