



June 2, 2008

Dear Team Captain:

Congratulations to you and your teammates on winning your USTA Local League session and advancing to the 2008 CAZ Adult League Playoff. The event is being held June 27-29, 2008 at the Surprise Tennis and Racquet Complex.

This packet contains the information your team will need to make the necessary preparations for the CAZ Adult League Playoff. Please review the entire packet carefully and distribute the information accordingly to your team players. This packet will also be listed on the USTA CAZ website at [www.phoenixtennis.com](http://www.phoenixtennis.com). Look on the left side of the page, point at USTA Leagues, and click on the 2008 CAZ Playoff link.

**Host Hotel:                   Holiday Inn Express-Surprise**  
**16540 N. Bullard**  
**Surprise, AZ 85374**  
**(623) 975-5540 reservations**

The Holiday Inn Express-Surprise is located 5 minutes from the facility for those who might want to make it a weekend event and are offering the participants a room rate of \$89 per night plus tax and fees per each single/double. Players should reserve rooms directly with the hotel and identify themselves as part of the USTA Central Arizona Playoff to insure they receive the special rate.

Matches will be played at the Surprise Tennis and Racquet Complex, 14469 W. Paradise Lane, Surprise, AZ. All matches will be played at this facility. Match check-in will be at the tournament desk.

#### **Responsibilities upon your arrival:**

##### **Registration**

All team captains must register their team upon arrival on **Friday June 27, 2008 by 6:30pm**. At this time team line-ups will be submitted and team photos will be taken. **Please have your team arrive at 6:30pm**. Captains will receive updated event information at this time.

##### **Match Schedule**

A tentative match schedule will be available on or after **June 16, 2008** at [www.phoenixtennis.com](http://www.phoenixtennis.com). Teams must be registered in Tennis Link.

##### **Match Format**

Matches will be the best of three sets using regular scoring with a 10-point match tiebreak in lieu of the third set. We will be using the Coman tiebreak rotation for all set and match tie-break.

##### **Awards**

Awards will be presented to the Champions upon completion of each division's match play on Sunday, June 29, 2008. Central Arizona will provide eight awards for each winning team. Additional awards may be purchased by the Team Captain's if necessary.

I look forward to meeting everyone attending the Central Arizona Playoff. If you have any questions please e-mail me at [Linda@phoenixtennis.com](mailto:Linda@phoenixtennis.com) or call me at (480) 951-4333.

Have a wonderful time and good luck to you and your team at the event.

Sincerely,

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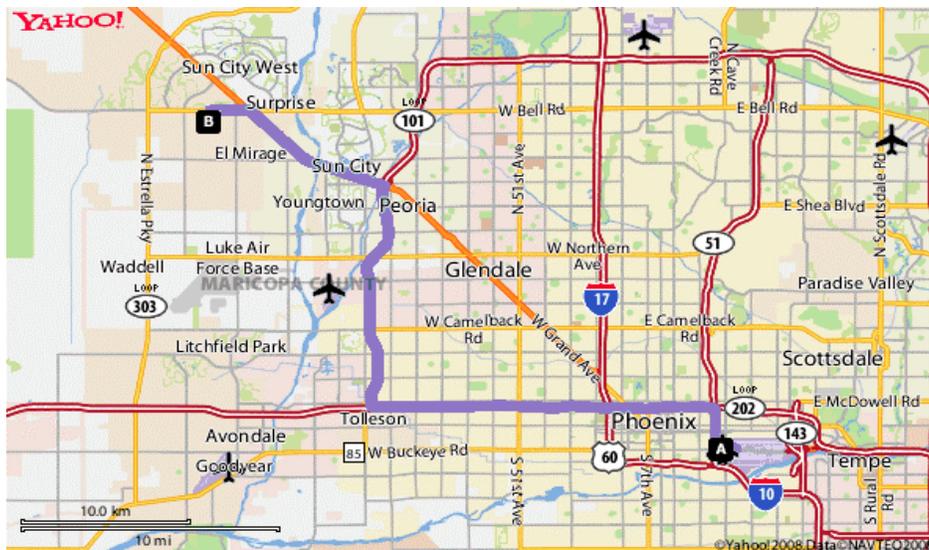
# Court Site Information/Directions from Hotel

**Site:** Surprise Tennis and Racquet Complex

**Address:** 14469 W. Paradise Lane  
Surprise, AZ

**Phone:** 623-222-2400

**Number Courts:** 25 courts, 17 lighted



Take Bullard north to Paradise Lane turn left and the courts will be approximately one-half mile from the hotel.

# **Tournament Information**

## **Registration**

Team captains must register their team at the USTA CAZ Registration Desk open on Friday at 6:00 PM located inside the facility.

## **Tournament Desk**

The USTA CAZ Adult Playoff Tournament Desk will be on the patio at the Surprise Tennis and Racquet Complex.

All team captains must check in at the scheduled site at least 30 minutes prior to each scheduled match and turn in their line-up cards.

## **Team Pictures**

Team pictures will be taken at the tennis facility. Please arrive 30 minutes before your scheduled match. As a courtesy of the USTA Central Arizona, we will furnish all captains a free team portrait from this event.

## **Tournament Play**

Tournament play will take place at the Surprise Tennis and Racquet Complex.

Please be aware that matches may be played earlier whenever courts are available, and it is the responsibility of players and their team captains to be ready to play whenever their match is called.

Balls and court assignments will be given when team captains check in.

All courts used will be outdoor-hard surface tennis courts.

## **Penn will be the official ball of the championship.**

Matches will begin on Friday evening, June 26, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

Possible rain delays should be considered. In the event of rain or conditions that prevent or delay play as scheduled, alternative scoring may be used. All captains must stay in contact with the Tournament Desk to receive further information.

## **Rain Delay Possibilities:**

- Matches being delayed.
- Having to wait on-site for further instructions.
- Matches being postponed until the following day.
- A shift to alternative scoring methods.
- Players should commit themselves to the championships for the entire event.

## **Cancellation of Tournament**

If the championship, or part of the championship, is cancelled due to rain or unforeseen circumstances, the championship will not be rescheduled.

# Tournament Rules of Play

1. Team line-up cards must be turned in to the Tournament Desk 30 minutes prior to the time of the scheduled match and **all players** must be present. If one of your players is not present at this time, it is imperative that you advise the Tournament Desk immediately before turning in your line-up.
2. Please review your 2008 Regulations book 6.03 for Area, Section and National championship eligibility (pages 26-27).
3. Line-ups cannot be changed without approval of the Tournament Director.
4. A 10-minute warm-up period, including practice serves, and a 15 – minute default period shall be observed throughout the event.
5. At one set each, a Coman 10-point match tiebreak will be used in lieu of the third set.
6. At the conclusion of each individual match, the players of both teams must return to the Tournament Desk **immediately** to return balls and report scores.
7. When the **entire** team match is completed, **BOTH TEAM CAPTAINS must report to the tournament desk to verify match scores and sign the scorecard.**
8. In the spirit of fair play, good sportsmanship and NTRP observation, all individual matches in each team match should be played to completion.
9. A complaint against a player or team alleging a violation during championship league competition shall be filed with the Grievance Committee in accordance with rules in the USTA Tennis League 2008 Regulations book. The complaints must be written on specific forms obtained from the site director and returned within the time restraints.

## COURT CONDUCT

All players will abide by the USTA Rules and “The Code”.

# USTA League Tennis Regulations

## Interpretation of Implementation of the Set\* or Match\* Tie-break in Lieu of a Third Set

In a match where players or teams split sets, the set or match tie-break in lieu of a third set shall be played and scored in the following manner:

### PLAY:

The tiebreak shall be played according to the current RULES OF TENNIS and TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS with the following exceptions:

- (1) In a doubles match, partners may change sides of court for service return just as they would be allowed in a third set. Once the change is made, they will continue to play that side of the court for the remainder of the tiebreak.
- (2) In a doubles match, partners may change order of service just as they would be allowed in a third set. Once the change in order of serve is made, they will continue to serve in that order throughout the remainder of the tiebreak.

### SET BREAK:

A **Set Break** of a maximum of 120 seconds may be taken by any of the participants at the conclusion of the first and second sets.

### SCORING:

At local or championship competition, the scorecard should be recorded in the following manner 6-4, 3-6, 1-0. The winning team should be circled.

The winner of the third set shall be credited with **a set won and a game won.** (3.03C)

The loser of the third set shall be credited with **a set lost and a game lost.** (3.03C)

Should the "Procedures in the Event of a Tie" go to GAMES, 3.03I (3), only the actual number of games played will be counted.

Example: With a score of 6-4, 4-6, 1-0, the winner shall be recorded with 10 games lost and the loser shall be recorded with 11 games lost.

### NUMBER OF MATCHES SCHEDULED AND REST:

Events using the Set or Match tiebreak may schedule no more than three matches per day per team. A minimum of 30 minutes rest will be provided between matches. If a team/player enters more than one Division or event then these limitations shall apply separately to each.

**COACHING:** Coaching is not permitted at any time during a match that uses the set or match tiebreak in lieu of a third set.

## **Safety Precautions for Playing in Warm Weather**

You may be playing your matches in conditions to which you are not accustomed. The temperature and/or humidity can get quite high. If you follow the suggestions below, there is no reason why you cannot have good matches and a good time.

**YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER AN EARLY ARRIVAL IN ORDER TO ALLOW YOUR BODY TO BECOME SOMEWHAT ACCLIMATED TO NEW CONDITIONS.**

You will lose fluid from your body through perspiration. Along with water you lose sodium, potassium and other electrolytes. It is necessary to replenish your body with BOTH water and these electrolytes.

All athletes should drink plenty of fluids (water, sport drinks, juice, milk, etc.) throughout the day. If you wait until you are thirsty, you have waited too long. Note: your body can lose a lot of fluid, via evaporation, while you are flying since the air in the passenger compartment is very dry. You should drink 1 cup of non-caffeine or non-alcoholic drink per hour.

Drink another cup of fluid just prior to play. In fact, also drinking 16 to 20 ounces of water, juices, or sports drink 60-90 minutes before your match can further help in avoiding heat disorders. Bring a large thermos with you on court and drink frequently (i.e., at every changeover). There will also be water available on the courts. Water and/or sport drinks are effective.

After your match, drink plenty of fluids. It could be water, Gatorade, lemonade, juice, etc. If you prefer, dilute any of these to your own taste. Water by itself does not replace necessary electrolytes. Don't forget to eat! Fresh fruit and fruit juices are excellent source of some electrolytes and carbohydrates, but you may have to make a special effort to replace some salt as well.

Wearing white really can help in hot weather. Use cotton/polyester blends rather than 100% cotton or tightly woven nylon. Have an extra dry shirt available for change. Perspiration can block ventilation when the shirt is soaked and on humid days, the cooling of evaporation is of little significance.

Use sunscreen. Use waterproof/sweat proof sunscreen that blocks both UVA and UVB rays. Have an SPF of at least 15, but an SPF 30 or above is preferred. Wear a wide-brimmed hat that is well ventilated and shades the neck as well.

Remember, you are allowed 25 seconds between points and 90 seconds at the changeover. Use this time to recover. Take advantage of shade during changeover as much as possible. Change the shirt frequently (and shorts if necessary), and use a cool towel on the face and upper back.

### **SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF HEAT DISORDER**

1. **Heat cramps:** muscle spasms, usually due to extensive and repeated sweat losses, fatigue, normal body temperature.
2. **Heat exhaustion:** extreme weakness, exhaustion, headache, dizziness, nausea, profuse sweating, chills and cool skin, normal body temperature, rapid pulse, sometimes unconscious.
3. **Heat stroke:** hot, dry skin, headache, nausea, confusion, staggering gait, extremely high body temperature, collapse, unconsciousness, sometimes death.