## **USTA In-house League Guidelines**

#### **Junior Leagues**

## **Levels of Play**

If desired by the facility, age divisions and ability levels may be combined. In addition, divisions may be gender specific or coed.

If multiple facilities are combining their teams into one league, all participating facilities must follow the same divisions and levels of play.

## **Match Schedules**

Matches may be played on Mondays at the standard JTT times, but facilities are allowed to provide flexibility with match times based on their court availability and player availability. Players must contact their facility to ensure that courts are available if they are moving the match to a different date or time.

When you view your schedule, you will see that each match is set for Friday at midnight. This marks the beginning of the week in which we recommend you play each match; however, you can schedule each match with your opponent at any day and any time as long as courts are available.

# <u>Balls</u>

Each player should bring their own can of new balls to each match. In divisions using "green" or "orange" balls, the balls may be reused as long as they are still in good condition.

#### **Courts**

Reserve courts ahead of time with the facility to ensure availability.

## **Contacting Opponents**

Communication is an important aspect of the In-House League. Acknowledge your opponent's calls or emails even if you are unavailable to play. If you are leaving town, let your scheduled opponents know that you will contact them when you return.

We encourage players to reschedule matches if necessary, to allow for matches to be played instead of having defaults. Players have the entire season to play all of the scheduled matches, so there is not a deadline for rescheduled matches.

## **Match Scoring**

A round robin format is used with one match assigned per week.

Scoring format is no-ad, playing best 2 of 3 sets with a 7-point match tiebreak played in lieu of a third set (scored as 1-0 in TennisLink).