

## USTA Colorado Flex League Guidelines

### Playing in more than one level

Yes. You can play 0.5 above or below your rating, so you could theoretically play in three different levels. We monitor feedback and hope that we see a high level of enjoyment and good competition. Many players are between two NTRP levels and can offer a great match at either level. We do ask players to remember the need for integrity in placing themselves in this program.

### Match scheduling

We recommend contacting all of your opponents early in the season to get a match date on your calendars. You can find your opponents' contact information by logging into TennisLink: <http://tennislink.usta.com/Leagues/Common/Home.aspx> and clicking on the My Teams tab. Click on the name of your Flex League team and then on the tab that says Captain's Report.

When you view your schedule you will see that each match is set for Monday at 8:00 AM. 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 so long as the scores are entered by the end of the season.

If you are using a court for the first time, check it out in advance for availability, lights, parking, fees, water, restrooms, etc. and alert your opponent. **Please note that the home player or doubles pair is responsible for court and ball fees.**

### Courts

USTA Colorado offers a court locator service, which can be found [here](#). Please use this locator instead of the address provided in TennisLink.

Reserve courts for a sufficient amount of time to finish a match. Rescheduling an unfinished match can be difficult, especially for the visitor.

Your club/facility may have guest fees that apply to your opponent. If your club/facility does not waive fees for Flex matches, the fee is your responsibility.

### Contacting your opponents

Communication is the most important aspect of Flex 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.

Our philosophy is to emphasize playing the match whenever possible. This is why we give the whole season to play all of the scheduled matches and at least one extra week

at the end to complete your schedule. However, things happen and sometimes opponents seem to be unreachable or unavailable. Keep a “log” of emails or phone calls made in case this match does not get played. If one player attempts contact and the other player does not, the administrator may give the player who made the attempts to play the default over the player who did not. There is also an option to record a double default where the match did not get played and neither player attempted adequate contact.

In round robin play, we score withdrawing players as 6-0, 6-0 wins for all other players in the flight since some may have already played the player and others have not. This rule attempts to give credit to players who have already played a withdrawing player without penalizing those players who did not play the withdrawing player. You may also leave a match on your schedule un-played.

### **Match Scoring**

A round robin format is used with one match assigned per week. One to two additional weeks are included at the end of the season to make up missed matches.

Scoring format is best 2 of 3 sets with a 10-point match tiebreaker played in lieu of a third set and scored as 1-0. If both players agree, the third set may be played out, but will still be scored as 1-0.

A full third set is not played unless both parties agree. Instead, a 10-point tie break is the default format. The score should be reported in TennisLink as 1-0, one going to the winner and zero going to the loser, regardless of whether a tie break or a full third set was played.

If you have any questions or need additional help please contact:

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