

## **NPTA DOUBLES LEAGUES**

### **RULES OF LEAGUE PLAY**

**SCHEDULE** – Our website ([www.newprovtennis.org](http://www.newprovtennis.org)) provides the full calendar of our season. The 6<sup>th</sup> week listed in the league schedule is available to teams if they have make-up matches to play.

**HOME TEAM** – Refer to the League Schedule provided by the coordinator. The HOME team brings a can of unopened balls for the match.

#### **MATCH PLAY**

**Location** – Matches will be played at the New Providence tennis courts

**Schedule** – (could be revised w/commencement of subsequent seasons) Each team will play a total of five (5) scored matches during the season. Each match will consist of a regular 2-set, 2 hour, timed match. The warm-up period is during the first 10 minutes only. The match will end at the completion of 2 sets or at the timed end of play, whichever comes first. No match may be completed over multiple days for time reasons, unless interrupted by bad weather.

**Tie Breaks** – Sets tied at 6 all must be decided by standard USTA Tiebreaker, the 7-point Coleman System. **Remember:** The 1<sup>st</sup> serve of the tiebreaker is served to the deuce court. Teams switch sides after points 1, 5, 9, 13...and so forth.

#### **Substitution System**

- All matches should be played on the date posted, weather permitting
- If a team member cannot play on the scheduled night, the player with the conflict shall first endeavor to find a sub from the registered list of substitutes provided on that season's roster
- Please exhaust all names on that list first --- they have made themselves available to play on your league's scheduled night
- If that effort is unsuccessful, a substitute may be solicited from the NPTA membership
- As an alternate the match may be rescheduled if all players agree

**PLEASE NOTE: \*\*Lateness Policy** – Players arriving 10 minutes late or later will forfeit their warm-up period. Those arriving 20 minutes late or later will forfeit the 1<sup>st</sup> set. Players arriving 30 minutes late or later will forfeit second set.

**SCORE REPORTING** – Each set of your match results is reported and tallied so that each and every team's scores show the full results. **The HOME team** is responsible for reporting the scores to the league coordinator by the day following the match (report scores to [womensdoubles@newprovtennis.org](mailto:womensdoubles@newprovtennis.org) or [mensdoubles@newprovtennis.org](mailto:mensdoubles@newprovtennis.org) or [mixeddoubles@newprovtennis.org](mailto:mixeddoubles@newprovtennis.org) or [indoor@newprovtennis.org](mailto:indoor@newprovtennis.org)).

One point will be awarded for each set won by a team.

**Standings** – The final division standings will be determined by points for each set won. In the event of a tie in the standings, the coordinators will then calculate the percentage of overall games played to arrive at final standings.

#### **INTERRUPTION OF PLAY –**

- A. Bathroom breaks are allowed at anytime during play.
- B. A break is allowed between sets. The break should not exceed 5 minutes.
- C. If all four players on a court agree to let a player take a break, it is allowable.
- D. Cell phones may not be used during play and phones should be set to silent or vibrate.

**RAIN OUTS** – Any rain-related information will be posted on our website that day 30 – 60 minutes before match time. Rained-out matches will be played at the end of the season.