

NPTA DOUBLES LEAGUES **RULES OF LEAGUE PLAY**

SCHEDULE – Our website (www.newprovtennis.org) provides the full calendar of our season.

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 – Each team should play each of the other teams 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. A tiebreaker can be played if the sets are split. 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 1st 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
- 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 15 minutes late will forfeit the 1st game, with a game deducted every 5 minutes, until 30 minutes late, when they will forfeit 1st set. At 40 minutes, the entire match is a default, at the discretion of the players.

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 or mensdoubles@newprovtennis.org or mixeddoubles@newprovtennis.org or 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 must be arranged, with your opponents, during the week..