



# 2020 USTA PNW Non-Advancing Adult Summer League (Alaska)

## **Facility Requirements for Social Distancing**

Every facility is going to have their own requirements for playing tennis at their facility. Please be aware of these ahead of time. Alaska will consider this an outdoor league. If you choose to play inside all players need to agree and non members will have to pay the clubs guest fee.

## **Playing Tennis Safely Tips and Recommendations**

Prior to playing your matches, please take into consideration:

- Try to stay at least six feet apart from other players and people. This includes, but is not limited to, high fives, handshakes, and whispering close to each other.
- Between points, use your racquet/foot to pick up balls and hit them to your opponent.
- Stay on your side of the court.
- Avoid touching your face
- Wash your hands thoroughly or use hand sanitizer before, during, and after play
- Clean and wipe down your equipment, including racquet, racquet handle and water bottles.
- Use only your own towels and water bottles.
- When you play doubles, avoid all incidental contact.

## **League Dates**

July 1 - August 16

## **NTRP Divisions**

2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0

## **Scheduling**

This is a flexible schedule league. Teams are required to contact each other and set up a mutually convenient time to play.

## **Team Match Format**

A team match consists of six no-ad sets and includes one set of men's and women's singles, one set of men's and women's doubles, and two sets of mixed doubles. On two courts, order of play will be:

- women's and men's doubles (5 min. warm-up)
- women's and men's singles (5 min. warm-up)
- two mixed doubles (5 min. warm-up)

(order of play should not be changed unless both captains agree to change order)

Each no-ad set is won by the first team to reach six (6) games. Once a game reaches 40-40 (deuce), the receiving team decides whether to play a final point in the deuce or ad court. If it is mixed, it must be gender-to-gender. A 12-point tiebreaker (first to seven points, win by two) will be played at five games all (5-5) in any set.

### **Arrival & Player Announcements (via text)**

Due to social distancing measures, teams should adhere to the following recommendations when arriving for a match:

- If playing indoors, all players should be aware of requirements of the facility as those may be more strict than what is recommended below.
- Players should arrive 15 minutes prior to match start time
- Captains should do the following:
  - Both captains should bring their own pen and paper to avoid sharing.
  - Have a completed line-up ready to go upon arrival. Please write in all names for each individual match. Substitutions will be allowed and addressed later in this document.
  - Go to their designated courts and put line-up on the ground or on a bench (if available) in between the two courts.
  - Both captains should text their the Men's and Women's Doubles teams the name of their opponent(s) and the court they should go to.
  - The remaining players may go to the designated court shortly after the Men's and Women's Doubles players.
  - Please be advised some facilities may require a face covering to be worn on site unless you are playing.
- Late Penalties will be as follows:
  - 0-5:00 minutes - loss of 1 game plus loss of toss
  - 5:01-10:00 minutes - loss of 2 games plus loss of toss
  - 10:01-15:00 minutes - loss of 3 games plus loss of toss
  - 15:01+ minutes - individual default

### **Eligibility**

A USTA Membership is not required. Non-USTA members will need to create a free Tennis Link account in order to join a team.

Players should be registered for the team prior to participating in a team match though this will not be enforced for this particular league.

### **Team Make-Up**

Teams must have a minimum of four (4) players to begin competition, two men and two women. A player may play, or sub, in all three (3) rounds/sets.

### **Players on Court**

Only rostered players who are actively playing in the team match may be on court during match play. Non-playing captains and spectators are not permitted due to social distancing measures. Rostered players/captains not playing in an individual match may sit or stand in between the two courts, or on an outside side of the court if next to a wall/window provided they are adhering to social distancing measures.

### **Tennis Balls**

Per USTA Return to Play Recommendations, each player should use their own can of tennis balls. Therefore, every player in the line-up will need to bring a new can of tennis balls. The server will use their own can of tennis balls when serving. Non-servers should use their racquet/foot to pick up balls and hit them to the server. Please use hand sanitizer before each round.

### **Warm-Ups**

All warm-ups will be as follows:

- women's and men's doubles (5 min. warm-up)
- women's and men's singles (5 min. warm-up)
- two mixed doubles (5 min. warm-up)

### **Changing Sides and Scoretenders**

Due to social distancing measures, players will not change sides. Standard 90 second breaks may be taken after odd games (not after the first game) if necessary. Benches and chairs may not be available for sitting so players may need to sit on the side of the court. Due to possible court damage, please do not bring your own chair.

Always announce the game score before each game. If scoretenders are not available, you are welcome to keep track of your own score on paper.

### **Let During a Serve**

When a serve hits the net and bounces within the service court, the ball is playable by the receiver.

- The player intended to receive the serve must be the player to return the ball.
- If the ball doesn't land in the service box, it is considered out. If that was the 1st serve, now serve the 2nd serve. If it was the 2nd serve, point is awarded to the receiver.
- If the receiving team calls "let" during the serve and they are able to return it, it is not considered a hindrance when the ball is traveling towards them and the call is made prior to striking the return.

- If the receiving team calls “out” and then plays the ball stating it was good or let, that is different and the serving team gets the point.
- Captains - please remind your players at the beginning of the match that lets are played.

### **Substitutions**

- One (1) substitution per line is allowed in a match.
- Substitutions may only be made in-between games, not between points or serves.
- When a player subs in for another player, they must remain on the same side and stay in same serving order as the player for which they subbed out.
- If an entirely new pair subs in for mixed, the new pair must play on the same gender side/serving order as the previous pair.

### **Coaching**

Coaching is allowed throughout the match (between points, games, or sets) as long as it does not interfere with continuous play. Social distancing measures must also be taken into consideration so teammates must be 6 feet apart or more at all times if coaching. Coaching is not allowed during points or between first and second serves, as the second serve must be struck without delay.

### **Score Entry**

Report your score to your acting captain when they are available to write down the score.

Upon completion of the Team Match, both captains should agree on the final score and take a photo of the completed scorecard separately.

The winning captain should enter the score into Tennis Link and the opponent should verify the entry is correct.

### **Ratings**

This league will NOT impact your Year-End Rating.

### **Grievance Procedures and Team Defaults**

There will be no grievances reviewed in this league. In other words, be nice and have fun!

There will be no penalties for team defaults. If you know your team is unable to make a match, please give your opponent as much notice as possible. Reschedules are allowed if both captains agree.

### **Match Completion**

As soon as the team match is complete, all players should vacate the facility immediately unless the host facility allows members and/or non-members to remain on site. Players are recommended to wear a face covering when leaving their court. Please be advised some facilities may require a face covering to be worn on site unless you are playing.