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Subject: Captain Notice USTA Phoenix Spring Season 2022

USTA Phoenix League Captains,

There is a lot of information shared in this correspondence. More information is available through resources on our website. Please double check this email and our website before you email me with any questions. Many questions are answered herein and/or on our website.

The spring schedules for the following leagues will be published tomorrow.

- 18 +men's, women's, mixed (not 2.5 or 5.0)
- 40+ men's, women's, mixed

Spring leagues begin as early as January 3rd.

NOTE "R" INDICATED MATCHES

Check all of your match schedules in tennislink (full website, not the app.)

IF you see an "R" next to a match listed in tennislink, it means that the match has NO courts. With growing leagues and local events, we have many facility black outs/closures resulting in many "overflow" matches.

I will not email every captain individually – you will have to check the schedule on tennislink and reschedule or secure alternate courts for those "R" matches.

- If the home captain uses alternate courts, home captain must email that declaration to me and the opposing captain **at least 2 weeks prior** to the original match date. Home captain must notify me and visiting captain in writing at least 1 week before the original match date with all details. If these deadlines are not met, the visiting team will have the option to host at home team's cost (if any.)
- If the home captain chooses to reschedule, the visiting captain must be notified **at least 2 weeks prior** to the original match date. The two captains must agree on a date and location at least 1 week prior to original match date to play any "R" matches.
- All matches must be played with scores entered by the "Spring Season Last Match Deadline" (document found on our [captains corner](#).)
- Keep in mind that the match may be played all or in part on any day of the week and prior to the original match date, if both captains agree.

NEW this year! The District Championships for all necessary leagues will be held in mid May. The dates are listed on the "Spring Last Match Deadline" -link found on captains corner web page.

Captains must watch our captains meeting recording – link on our captains corner page.

Staggered start times if required by facilities will be indicated in tennislink

- 4 court format league with staggered start times: 2 courts play at the earlier time, and 2 courts play at the later start time.
- 5 court matches with staggered start times: 2 courts play at the earlier time, and 3 courts play at the later start time.
- As always, **visiting captains** declare to home captains 48 hours or more in advance which courts play earlier. If not declared 48 hours or more in advance, home captain may declare.

Hard closing times - VERY IMPORTANT!

- It is the **Home Captain's Responsibility** to ask facility management if there are hard closing times. Home captain must inform visiting captain prior to line-up exchange when the host facility shuts off lights and/or closes.

Some facilities with hard closing times include but are not limited to: SRP, Kiwanis, ISP, PTC, Ocotillo Village.

- For matches at facilities with hard closing times, **either Captain** may declare to use Timed Match Rules for any courts in a team match (found in our [Phoenix Regulations](#).) If either or both captain(s) (or acting captain) chooses to use TMR, they shall be used. If elected, TMR must be declared at time of (or prior to) line up exchange.
- **If neither team** elects to utilize “Timed Match Rules,” the visiting players of any incomplete courts must travel to facility for reschedule and match completion (or may decide to retire.)
- If home Captain **fails to inform** visiting captain of hard closing time and “Timed Match Rules” options, the visiting team will choose the facility location for reschedule and match completion.

Warm up is 10 minutes. It BEGINS AT match start time. **Warm up is not practice.** Warm up is 10 minutes ONLY including serves. Facilities are not required to provide courts prior to match start time. If they do so, it is the facility’s option.

Captains and Players are responsible for knowing and adhering to facility policies and restrictions.

Always check the schedule on line regularly. Start times could be updated as I receive notifications from facilities. Do not print the schedule, as start times could be adjusted afterwards.

The only scheduling issues that I need to be notified of are:

- Change match start times (you must get facility approval first)
- Home court location change (unforeseen unavailability, etc.)
- Rescheduling due to no home courts (or captains agreed to reschedule)

When you see your schedule published in tennislink, please contact your home court facilities and fulfill their requirements to reserve your courts. Make a note of any “R” matches and start planning and making those arrangements.

As a courtesy, we have linked reservations forms for the facilities below on our “Captains Corner” webpage.

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Captains visit our [Captains Corner](#) for spring schedule details.

55 & 65 & Over teams MUST have at least 6 players on roster by **NOON Jan 3rd**.