

Northern Arizona Adult League Newsletter

Get Out & Play!

December 2020



Results of Local Tri-Level Leagues

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING CAPTAINS & TEAMS WITH THE BEST RECORDS THIS SEASON:

Prescott Women's 4.5/4.0/3.5 – Jody Mattison & Team

Flagstaff Women's 4.0/3.5/3.0 – Tandi Ball & Team

Flagstaff Men's 4.0/3.5/3.0 – Adam Kaupisch & Team

Thank You to All who came out and supported Local League play this Summer/Fall - I appreciate each & every one of you!

Local Tri-Level Season Survey Results – 33% response rate

Thanks to all who took the time to respond!

It was tough to develop a league that was 1) **local**, 2) allowed for **flexible match times**, and 3) created enough of a **social 'feel'**. Whew!

89% of respondents were satisfied with League and would participate in another 'flexible' format league.

Majority of respondents would prefer a Men's or Women's Doubles format with Mixed a close 2nd.

Match scheduling had the lowest degree of satisfaction.

Opportunities for Improvement –

- Better communication about sign-up process
- Expectations around Flexible – Player expectations vs flex challenges for Captains with a 'team'
- Too much flexibility vs. not enough flexibility = unequal playing time for players
- No late sign-ups
- Lots of other great comments – keep them coming!

Other Notes – A third of the respondents said they would be interested in a Singles Flex League in the Spring – Look for the next opportunity in the January Newsletter!

Do you ever need help finding players to join your team?

If so, we have a new feature that makes it easier than ever for teams like yours to connect new and current players.

A GUIDE TO THREE NEW TEAM TYPES FOR USTA LEAGUE

CLOSED



Players must have your team number to join just as all USTA League teams are currently set up today.

CLOSED BUT SEEKING



While your team is closed, you have the option to receive emails about players that are looking to join a team at your level in your area.

OPEN



Players can find and register directly onto your team without needing a team number.

NEW - TennisLink Flow Enhancement

Captains will determine their Team Type!

Players will now be able to seek open teams!

Please see the NAZ website for more Details!

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UPCOMING – 40 & Over Advancing Season starts Mid-February. Please contact me if interested in Captaining!
“Scrape off the rust” Singles **Flex** League coming in Mid-February. More information in the January 2021 Newsletter! **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

Player 'Code' of the Month (from 'Friend at Court' 2020)

7. Ball touching any part of line is GOOD. If any part of a ball touches a line, the ball is good. A ball 99% out is still 100% good. A player shall not call a ball out unless the player clearly sees space between where the ball hits and a line.

8. Ball that cannot be called out is GOOD. Any ball that cannot be called out is considered to be good. A player may not claim a let on the basis of not seeing a ball. One of tennis' more infuriating moments occurs after a long hard rally when a player makes a clean placement, and an opponent says: "I'm not sure if it was good or out. Let's play a let." Remember, it is each player's responsibility to call all balls landing on, or aimed at, the player's side of the net. If a ball cannot be called out with certainty, it is good. When a player says an opponent's, shot was really out but offers to replay the point to give the opponent a break, it seems clear that the player actually doubted that the ball was out.



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