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I know many of you are still completing your 2009 leagues, but I wanted to give you some information for our upcoming 2010 year. I have a [CALENDAR OF LEAGUE SEASONS, INCLUDING IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES](#) posted on the front page of the website: www.orangecountyusta.com (Some of this information may change so you will need to check this link before the beginning of each season to make sure you have the correct deadlines.)



January	February	March
April	May	June
July	August	September
October	November	December

* [Orange County 2010 USTA Calendar and Important Deadlines](#)

We have a lot of changes slated for 2010, so it will be very important that you attend the captain's meetings. It will in fact be mandatory that each team send a representative to one of the pre-season meetings, which takes place before their season begins, if you want to have a team.

As you can see on the 2010 Calendar, I have all the dates and deadlines set, and I've made sure to give myself enough time to get the schedules out to you on-time and in a much better state than they sometimes get to you because I agree to take last-minute teams and/or end up pulling teams out who think they want a team, but it turns out they end up not being able to have one. I will be strictly adhering to these dates, and will not include teams in a schedule, or even a flight, who do not have the minimum number of players registered to compete in the league, by the set deadline. (6 for all divisions except Adult which is 8.) The only exception will be if a schedule has an "Available Team" in it and a team is able to slip in that already-generated schedule.

The [2010 National Regulations](#) are currently online.

The 2010 Sectional Regulations and the 2010 OC Local League Rules will be online before the date of the first meeting which is slated for December 5. This meeting is specifically for our Mixed Doubles Division, but all captains are welcome to attend. I will be giving out information at this meeting about all the divisions of USTA that will be offered in Orange County in the upcoming year, (Mixed Doubles, Adult, Senior, Tri-Level, SCTA Doubles, Senior Mixed Doubles, Super Seniors and FLEX League Singles)

Question: Some have expressed an interest in a Century League (age of both players = 100+) This would be a Local League with some sort of Local Prize. The more entries, the better the prize(s.) I could set it up as a FLEX League, (for

individual players,) or as a Team League, where each team match would consist of three doubles matches. If there is interest out there, please let me know.

I need to form our 2010 grievance committee before this first meeting, so if you'd like to volunteer for this, please let me know now.

I am also recruiting new captains for 2010 who would be willing to captain a new team of new players. If you are interested in this, please let me know now. You would receive individual training as well as a small incentive to help out in this way.

A detailed agenda for all the meetings will be provided to you via e-mail before each meeting. You will receive an E-VITE for the captain's meeting and I will use the responses from that to keep track of the numbers planning to attend.

Before each meeting, we will have a non-mandatory portion devoted to Tennis Advocacy in Orange County. At the first meeting on December 5, I will share with you what I learned at the Community Development Workshop this past October.

This will be an opportunity for those of you who'd like to get more involved in growing tennis in our community to learn ways you can go about that. More extensive information will be given out at the first meeting.

There will also be other new, [and exciting :)], non-mandatory segments of the meeting which may be of interest to you, and that will all be provided to you in the agenda you receive before the meeting. If you have an upcoming event that you'd like to talk about at the meeting, please let me know and I'll put you on the agenda.

I am in the process of revising our 2010 Local League Rules. Please let me know if there is anything you'd like me to address and/or think we should change.

Thank you again for all you do as captains. You make these leagues happen, and we realize your job is not easy. I'll do my best to provide some decent refreshments and as many raffle prizes as I can get my hands on at the captain's meetings.

Have a great day!

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