



TennisLink



ORANGE COUNTY 2010 USTA

SPRING JTT MEETING AGENDA

SEASON DATES:

- Local League: Feb 20 - May 24
- Sectionals:
 - June 12 - 13 (10s & Advanced)
 - June 26 - 27 (Satellite and Intermediate)
- Novice Event/Awards Presentation:
 - Saturday, June 5 - *We also talked about trying to grow Novice League as a Section so we can have more of a Sectional-like event for these kids.*

TEAM INFORMATION SHEETS:

- Revised form is in your Notebook and on the website: www.orangecountyusta.com
- Due Date: Feb 5
- If you ever need to change or add information, you need to change it on your original sheet or fill out a new one and RE-FAX it to me
 - Do not send me e-mails with information. It must go on your sheet
- Please note that I have NEW fax number and it is on the sheet

PUTTING YOUR TEAMS ONLINE:

- Please make SURE to include the following for each of your teams when you name them
 - Facility Name
 - Indicate the Ability Level with the one of the following abbreviations - Adv. Sat. Int. Nov. SN- (If you don't do this, I don't know to which flight I need to move your teams)

WHAT WILL BE OFFERED:

- **18S Girls Teams** - *(Girls-Only teams - No boys may be rostered.)*
 - Intermediate - Mostly JV and hopeful JV players
 - Advanced - Varsity and strong JV players
- **18s Genderless Teams** - *We decided offer genderless instead of Boys-Only teams. Winners of these teams will not go to Sectionals, but we will try to do something year-end for them.*
 - Teams of boys who did NOT make their high school team and/or those who are too old for the 14s.
 - Teams of both boys and girls
- **14s Mixed Teams**
 - Advanced - Co-Ed playing with 4/2 Rule locally
 - Satellite - Genderless but for those teams who want to attend Nationals we need at least 3 boys and 3 girls rostered
 - Intermediate - Genderless *If coaches have a team they feel is weak, they will indicate this on their team information sheet. If we have enough teams, and I expect we will, based on last season, we will have a flight for just these teams. Winners will not go to Sectionals, but we will try to do something special for them.*
 - Novice - Genderless
- **12s Mixed Teams**
 - Advanced - Co-Ed playing with 4/2 Rule locally
 - Satellite - Genderless
 - Intermediate - Genderless
 - Novice - Genderless
- **10s Mixed Teams**
 - Intermediate - Genderless
 - Separate division for those who play with the foam balls *(We have enough teams to have a league here. There will be a Sectionals event for this group. They must use a modified ball and we said we would adopt whatever ball will be used at Sectionals.)*
 - No membership required
 - \$13 League Fee
- **SUPER NOVICE**
 - No membership and \$13 League Fee
 - All teams go to the same site

- *We said we would see how many, (if any,) facilities are interested. We used to have a great program at this level, and it's a great feeder program for your higher-level teams*
- *I also pointed out that this would be a great project for high school tennis players to take on by setting up teams at Elementary Schools, running practices, and finding a local site where they could play their home matches*

CITERIA FOR ABILITY LEVELS:

- **Advanced** - *(Waiting for Sectional Handbook)*
- **Satellite** - *Since the Section is not imposing a criteria, we will leave it up to our coaches/captains to put teams in the division they belong*
 - This is where ALL our previously-labeled STRONG teams would play
- **Intermediate** -
 - This is where all our previously-labeled MEDIUM STRENGTH teams would play
 - If players have played in the league before at the Intermediate level, there is a good chance they should play Satellite this time
 - *We decided we will allow coaches to designate their team as WEAK and if we have enough of these teams, (which we think we will,) we will have a flight specifically for them.*
- **Novice** -
 - Players who can play matches on their own. Can keep score and serve overhead
 - Still an educational level, with some help on court
 - Lots of input regarding line calls, etiquette, etc...
 - No Membership Required
 - \$13 League fee - Shirt not included - Coach has option to purchase
- **Super Novice** -
 - These are brand new players who are learning how to call keep score
 - Parents are enlisted to help on court
 - All teams go to the same site each week, so coaches only host once or twice during the season
 - No Membership Required
 - \$13 League fee - Shirt not included - Coach has option to purchase

LOCAL LEAGUE PLAYOFFS:

- *With the introduction of the new divisions, we will no longer have Local League Playoffs. We will use the best overall % record of games won to determine Sectionals teams. (Unless there are two flights and we can only send one team.)*

2010 NATIONALS:

- **Will be held in Surprise AZ in October**
- **18s Teams will again qualify locally during a summer event**
 - Satellite and Advanced
 - Teams must have a minimum of 3 boys and 3 girls
 - Participating girls may NOT be rostered on a high school tennis team the following Fall
 - Waiting to hear whether the 18s players who play in our OC Summer League will get a fee waiver into this event
- **14s Teams will come from Sectionals**
 - Satellite and Advanced
 - Teams must have a minimum of 3 boys and 3 girls
 - Participating girls may NOT be rostered on a high school tennis team the following Fall
- **12s Advanced Teams will come from Sectionals**
 - Teams must have a minimum of 3 boys and 3 girls

LOCAL LEAGUE RULES: Make sure you read through these in their entirety and ask questions before the league starts about anything you do not understand.

LEAGUE FEE:

- **\$28 ~ Includes League Fee, T-Shirt, Awards, Novice Event**
- **Shirts will be Optional for any subsequent 2010 seasons played after Spring ~ Summer and Fall** (Player will be able to opt-out of the shirt once they've received the one(s) during Spring.)
 - *We think that if a player registers for two teams this season, that during the registration of the second team, they should have the opt-out option. If not, it means we have to wait until next season to opt-out.*

AGE-UP DATE:

- **August 31, 2010** - (This will be information in the Sectional Regulations when they are published)

NEW FEE FOR SECTIONALS:

- **\$50 Per Team**
 - Team Fundraisers are a good way to cover this fee

ADDRESSING PAST LEAGUE PROBLEMS:

- **The #1 Complaint about the league is Defaults**
- **The #1 Cause of Defaults is Coaches not Communicating with their players/parents**
- **Solutions**
 - Try to roster at least 10 kids on your teams
 - The amount of Communication that is necessary for each team is substantial, and I think, too much for most coaches to handle on their own unless they have a proven system already in place
 - Please Assign a Parent to each of your teams to handle communications so they make sure you don't show up short to your matches

Please Note: Coaches who have defaulted too many matches or been no-shows in the past will be required to have one parent contact per team who will be responsible for player accountability and I will talk to those parents directly about what it is we need them to do regarding communications with their players and other coaches. I will contact these coaches directly.

OC SUMMER LEAGUE:

- **Potential flights of 12s, 14s, 18s - Genderless Teams**
- **League will run Mid-June through August**
- **18S TEAMS WILL BE CO-ED (Gives high school girls and boys a chance to play together) Proposed format: 3 boys singles, 3 girls singles, 1 boys doubles, 1 girls doubles, 1 mixed doubles. Hopefully will provide players with low-cost competitive matches.**

ADDITIONAL ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:

- **NEED FOR A FOCUS ON SPORTSMANSHIP** - We need more education of players and parents. I will be developing, (with your assistance,) some documents for you to give out, which will cover the following items we discussed,
 - The need to make proper calls, the correct way to handle the situation on court when a player feels calls are being made incorrectly, and the

procedure for coaches to handle the situation once they have been notified by the player.

- The Code - A copy should be given out to players
- A document addressing player/parent/spectator behavior
- **PROPER TENNIS ATTIRE** - I will prepare a document addressing this for you to give out to your parents
 - Coaches need to make sure players wear proper tennis attire and make sure that players never show up to a match in running shoes, or marking tennis shoes. Parents need to know that at many facilities, their player will not be allowed to play if they show up without proper attire.
 - Certain clubs have specific rules about attire and those coaches are responsible for letting coaches in their flight know of the requirements before the season starts. For example, at Yorba Linda CC we all know that neither players or spectators are allowed to wear any denim. If you are in their flight, you must let your parents know of this requirement, and everyone needs to be prepared for a player to be defaulted if they don't adhere to the rule.