***NPTA DOUBLES LEAGUES***

***RULES OF LEAGUE PLAY***

***SCHEDULE – Our website (www.newprovtennis.org) provides the full calendar of our season. The 6th week listed in the league schedule is available to teams if they have make-up matches to play.***

***HOME TEAM – Refer to the League Schedule provided by the coordinator. The HOME team brings a can of unopened balls for the match.***

***MATCH PLAY***

***Location – Matches will be played at the New Providence tennis courts***

***Schedule – (could be revised w/commencement of subsequent seasons) Each team will play a total of five (5) scored matches during the season. Each match will consist of a regular 2-set, 2 hour, timed match. The warm-up period is during the first 10 minutes only. The match will end at the completion of 2 sets or at the timed end of play, whichever comes first. No match may be completed over multiple days for time reasons, unless interrupted by bad weather.***

  ***Tie Breaks – Sets tied at 6 all must be decided by standard USTA Tiebreaker, the 7-point Coleman System. Remember: The 1st serve of the tiebreaker is served to the deuce court. Teams switch sides after points 1, 5, 9, 13…and so forth.***

***Substitution System***

* ***All matches should be played on the date posted, weather permitting***
* ***If a team member cannot play on the scheduled night, the player with the conflict shall first endeavor to find a sub from the registered list of substitutes provided on that season’s roster***
* ***Please exhaust all names on that list first --- they have made themselves available to play on your league’s scheduled night***
* ***If that effort is unsuccessful, a substitute may be solicited from the NPTA membership***
* ***As an alternate the match may be rescheduled if all players agree***

***PLEASE NOTE: \*\*Lateness Policy – Players arriving 10 minutes late or later will forfeit their warm-up period. Those arriving 20 minutes late or later will forfeit the 1st set. Players arriving 30 minutes late or later will forfeit second set.***

***SCORE REPORTING – Each set of your match results is reported and tallied so that each and every team’s scores show the full results. The HOME team is responsible for reporting the scores to the league coordinator by the day following the match (report scores to*** ***womensdoubles@newprovtennis.org*** ***or*** ***mensdoubles@newprovtennis.org*** ***or*** ***mixeddoubles@newprovtennis.org*** ***or*** ***indoor@newprovtennis.org******).***

 ***One point will be awarded for each set won by a team.***

 ***Standings – The final division standings will be determined by points for each set won. In the event of a tie in the standings, the coordinators will then calculate the percentage of overall games played to arrive at final standings.***

***INTERRUPTION OF PLAY –***

1. ***Bathroom breaks are allowed at anytime during play.***
2. ***A break is allowed between sets. The break should not exceed 5 minutes.***
3. ***If all four players on a court agree to let a player take a break, it is allowable.***
4. ***Cell phones may not be used during play and phones should be set to silent or vibrate.***

***RAIN OUTS – Any rain-related information will be posted on our website that day 30 – 60 minutes before match time. Rained-out matches will be played at the end of the season.***