



## INTERMOUNTAIN

# USTA INTERMOUNTAIN 2009 Fall Mixed Doubles SECTION Tournament Handbook

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**\*Captains – We highly recommend that you print out this HANDBOOK so you can refer to it throughout the tournament.**

## SITES, DATES, DIRECTIONS

### **USTA Intermountain Fall Mixed Doubles Section Championship**

**University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV)**

**November 5 – 8, 2009**

- **\$110.00 Team Entry FEE required to compete in this championship**

Match Play: Tournament begins at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup> (Friday-Sunday)

Mandatory Captain's Meeting: Thursday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup> at Hotel (see details below)

**\*\*DISTRICTS WILL SUBMIT YOUR TEAM ROSTER TO SECTION TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR**

**Team Entry Fee to be collected either electronically online or handwritten check to be mailed to USTA Intermountain office, attention: Tamela White.**

**Registration METHOD (online or manually) : To Be Determined SOON, check back at [www.ita.usta.com](http://www.ita.usta.com) for more information soon.**

*The tournament begins Friday morning at 8:00 a.m. and goes until Sunday afternoon. Your team is expected to be committed for the ENTIRE weekend of scheduled play and travel arrangements should be made accordingly.*

The following TENTATIVE Weekend Schedule will help you make your travel plans:

#### **Thursday, November 5**

**Tuscany Suites & Casino: Siena meeting room**

**\*\*Registration and Captain's Meeting for Team Captains ONLY, not for individual players**

**5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Registration/Check-in**

**6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Captain's Meeting**

#### **Friday – Saturday, November 6 – 7**

**UNLV courts – Fertitta Tennis Complex (FTC)**

8:00 a.m. – ≈ 6:00 p.m. Tournament play

#### **Sunday, November 8**

**UNLV courts**

8:00 a.m. – ≈ 3:00 p.m. Tournament play

*\*Again, please make note that the above tournament schedule is **TENTATIVE** and that your team **MUST** be available this entire timeframe for scheduled match play. Weather or other delays may occur, so we strongly suggest that you do **NOT** schedule early afternoon flights home on Sunday and should plan on being on the courts until 3:00 p.m.*

**TENNIS FACILITIES & DIRECTIONS:**

**University of Nevada Las Vegas:** All matches played at UNLV courts  
4505 S. Maryland Parkway  
Las Vegas, NV 89154

**\*\*Courts located at the Intersection of Paradise Road + Harmon Avenue**

**\*NO Phone Access onsite, must have Cell Phones. Call (303) 250-6317 FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY**

**\*\* Water on courts, but please bring own as well**

**\*\*\*Restrooms onsite**

**\*\*\*\*You will not be allowed to practice on UNLV courts on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> or prior to your matches. Please find practice courts elsewhere. See suggested offsite courts list posted at [www.intermountain.usta.com](http://www.intermountain.usta.com).**

**FROM HOTEL to UNLV COURTS: (approximately 1.5 miles)**

- Head East on Flamingo Rd. about 1 Block
- Take Right on Paradise Rd.
- Take Left on Harmon Ave. and courts will be on Left side past softball fields

**HOTEL & DIRECTIONS:**

**Tuscany Suites & Casino**

255 E. Flamingo Road  
Las Vegas, NV 89169  
(702) 893-8933

**Standard Room Rate**

**\$65.00 per night + tax – Single and Double occupancy ONLY**

- More than Double occupancy is \$20.00 per person/per night + tax
- A major credit card or cash deposit of \$200.00 will be required at check-in to guarantee incidental charges
- Credit cards will be charged first night's room and tax as a Deposit when making reservations
- Guests will incur early check-in or late check-out fee of \$10.00 for early check-in and ½ of daily room rate or \$32.50 for late check-out

**Make hotel reservations as follows:**

1. Call Hotel Reservations Department at **(877) 887-2261** and mention Event Name: USTA Intermountain Fall Mixed Doubles Section Championship.



**CUT-OFF DEADLINE: October 20, 2009**

**To receive this rate you MUST make reservations prior to this date.**

**FROM McCARRAN AIRPORT to HOTEL:**

- Head Southeast toward Wayne Newton Blvd.
- Slight Left at Wayne Newton Blvd. on Swenson St., which loops around and heads North
- Continue straight on Swenson St.
- Turn Left at Tropicana Ave.
- Turn Right at Koval Lane
- Turn Right at Flamingo Rd.
- Hotel will be on Right side

## **INTENT TO PLAY**

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Ten days prior to the Section Championships, each team which qualifies to compete in the tournament must notify the District League Coordinator that it will or will not participate in the tournament. District League Coordinator must in turn, notify the Section League Coordinator of teams attending Section Championship. If a team gives notice that it will participate but then fails to do so, penalties may be administered with the maximum penalty being disqualification of all of its members who had agreed to participate from all league play for the following year. The tournament committee named for the event where the violation occurs shall decide upon the penalty. This decision may be appealed to the ITA Grievance Committee.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

### **TEAM ELIGIBILITY**

- At all championships, a minimum of six (6) team members (three women and three men) who were on the final roster of their local league team must be available and eligible to combine and compete. The Championships Tournament Committee, by majority vote, can reduce that number to not less than four.

### **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

- A player is eligible to advance to the USTA Intermountain Fall Mixed Doubles Section Championship competition if that player has played on that same team in at least two (2) matches during its local league season. A maximum of one (1) default received by the player during local league competition shall count shall for advancing. A retired match shall count for all players involved.
- All individual team members must be from the appropriate level of play in accordance with the NTRP system.
- Any individual who advances to championship level in the USTA League Tennis Program must be a USTA current member through each championship progression.
- The **Publicity Release Form** must be signed by all players (Captains to organize getting the necessary signatures from their team members on one form) and brought to registration or to the tournament desk before end of tournament.

## **RULES, REGULATIONS, SCORING, COACHING**

### **RULES & REGULATIONS**

- All USTA Rules and League Regulations will be enforced during championships.
- All match lineups must be submitted to the tournament desk by the team captain at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the match. Penalties will be enforced at the tournament director's discretion.

### **SCORING**

- Best of two tiebreak sets with a Match Tiebreak in lieu of a third set
- The Coman Tiebreak Procedure will be used. Same as traditional Tiebreak, except that ends are changed after the 1<sup>st</sup> point, then after every four points and at the conclusion of the Tiebreak. The Set tiebreak is the first to 7 by 2 pts. The Match tiebreak is the first to 10 by 2.
- Two minute rest between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> set and between the 2<sup>nd</sup> set and 3<sup>rd</sup> set match tiebreak
- Scores must be reported to the tournament desk immediately after match is completed. When all matches are complete, both Team Captains are to report to the tournament desk to sign the official tournament scorecard.

## **CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT SETUP**

- Teams will compete in a Round-robin format at the 5.5, 6.5, 7.5 and 8.5 levels, with three individual doubles matches played. The team winning the majority of those three individual matches will be awarded one team point.
- The winner of each flight/division will be determined by team matches won
- In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken by the first of the following procedures:
  - **Individual Matches** – Winner of the most individual matches
  - **Sets** – Winner of the fewest number of sets lost
  - **Games** – Winner of the fewest number of games lost
  - **Head-to-Head** – Winner of head-to-head match
  - **A method to be determined by the championship committee**

## **COACHING**

No coaching allowed. No cell phones or electronic devices allowed on court.

## **BALLS**

Penn hard court balls will be provided.

## **UMPIRES**

There will be certified roving umpires present at the site to ensure fairness of play. The Point Penalty System will be in effect and Umpires may call foot faults. Roving umpires may be positioned inside the fenced areas and will interfere with play as little as possible.

Players should be encouraged to play tennis without the need for umpires to be present for matches. If umpire is not available to spin to start the match, players will do so on their own. In the case of disputed calls and upon the request of the player or team coaches or manager, a roving umpire may be supplied to oversee the match.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Please note that the tournament format, number of matches and match length may change due to a team not showing up or circumstances beyond our control such as weather. Rain could cause delays, modifications to the format, and possible cancellation of the tournament. There are NO back-up courts.

In the event of rain, please remain at the tournament site until the tournament staff informs you of the play schedule. In the event of a long rain delay, it will be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee to use an alternative-playing format.

## **CANCELLATION**

If the championship, or part of the championship is cancelled due to rain or unforeseen circumstances, the championship will not be rescheduled.

# **PLAYER & TOURNAMENT DETAILS**

## **TEAM REGISTRATION & CAPTAIN'S MEETING**

*(Captains and Co-Captains will register the team, players **not** required to check-in)*

**Location:** **Tuscany Suites & Casino – Siena meeting room**  
**255 E. Flamingo Road**  
**Las Vegas, NV 89169**  
**(702) 893-8933**

**Date:** **Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Time:** **5:00 – 6:00 p.m.**      **Registration/Check-in**  
**6:00 – 6:30 p.m.**      **Captain's Meeting (mandatory)**

## **MATCH SCHEDULE**

The Match SCHEDULE will be posted online by October 26<sup>th</sup> at [www.intermountain.usta.com](http://www.intermountain.usta.com). Please be advised that the match schedule is subject to change at any time as deemed necessary by the Championship Committee. Therefore, we strongly recommend that you make your flight arrangements with the intention of participating throughout the entire weekend. Matches will start at 8:00 a.m. each day (Friday-Sunday) and should be completed by 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Please make your travel plans in accordance with these tournament parameters.

## **AWARDS**

Up to **8 awards** per team will be presented to the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Teams. Teams that opt not to retrieve their awards at the event may request that they be shipped to the Captain or Co-Captain at their cost. Shipping costs will be the responsibility of the requesting team. Contact Tournament Director ([twhite@ita.usta.com](mailto:twhite@ita.usta.com)) no later than **November 16, 2009**. Teams may purchase additional awards onsite at **\$7.50 each** IF available.

## **TEAM PHOTOS**

If time permits, team photos will be taken of the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Teams once the winner/finalist team has been determined at each level. These photos are posted on our Website after the event. **All players in photos MUST sign a Publicity Release Form**. If your team prefers to use an alternate team photo you may e-mail photo to the Tournament Director ([twhite@ita.usta.com](mailto:twhite@ita.usta.com)) as soon as possible after the event.

- The **Publicity Release Form** must be signed by all players (Captains to organize getting the necessary signatures from their team members on one form) and brought to registration or to the tournament desk before end of tournament.

## **PLAYER GIFT EXCHANGE**

Over the years, teams started bringing their opponents "little" gifts. This is not mandatory, but simply a nice gesture and show of good sportsmanship. These items should be inexpensive small tokens and could be homemade. Often the gifts represent their region or state. Examples are – state pins, magnets, key rings, candy, macadamia nuts and leis (Hawaii). These gifts are presented to the opponents in your flight. Feel free to contact your local or state tourist center or convention bureau and they may be able to provide you with a limited amount of small, promotional items. Typically, teams bring approximately 8-10 gifts per team.

## **TennisLink**

Match results will be entered daily into TennisLink and standings will be posted at the Tournament Desk. To view League and Championship Stats and Standings in TennisLink go to <http://tennislink.usta.com/leagues>, scroll down to bottom of page for Report Drill-Down, click on Championship Advanced Search and drill down to the Intermountain Fall Mixed Doubles Section Championship.

## **WEBSITE**

The USTA Intermountain League home page will be updated with stories, photos and standings shortly after the conclusion of the event. Be sure your local newspaper sports editor, friends and family have the address so they can check the results.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

**The Hotel does NOT offer Shuttle service to the tennis courts. The use of rental car(s) is strongly recommended.**

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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