

# Balboa Tennis Club Men's Doubles Ladder

## "Balboa Acers"

Based on **USTA Rules (ITF)** and **USTA's The Code**, this is a fun way to play competitive tennis and meet new players. The weekly playing field is limited to 32 players on eight courts.

### BE FRIENDLY and ARRIVE ON TIME!

**WHO:** Balboa Tennis Club Members in Good Standing

**WHERE:** Check-in at Court 18

**WHEN:** Thursdays 10:30am - 12:30pm **ON TIME ARRIVAL IS ESSENTIAL!!!!**

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#### 1. COMMUNICATION:

- a. Sign-up:  
Use the Courtside Posting to sign-up for the following week.  
OR  
Respond to weekly email via return email or text, by Tuesday 12:00pm.
- b. Player Line-Up confirmations are emailed on Wednesday.

#### 2. LATENESS/CANCELLATIONS:

- a. **Late Arrival:** Players arriving on court after 10:35am forfeit one (1) game which is credited to Set # 1 partner.
- b. **Late Arrival:** Players arriving after 10:40am may lose their assigned spot.
- c. **Late Match Start:** If all four (4) players are on court, and match play does not begin at 10:40am, all players are subject to a one (1) game penalty.
- d. **Cancellation:** Players who cancel after Tuesday 12:00pm are subject to being waitlisted.
- e. **Cancellation:** Players who cancel on the day of play are subject to receive zero (0) for the day.
- f. **Lateness/Cancellation:** Players who are late or cancel after Tuesday 12:00pm twice in a season are subject to a 30-day suspension.

#### 3. COURT ASSIGNMENT:

- a. Court Assignments are posted on Day of Play at Court 18.
- b. Scores are tabulated weekly based on % games won.
- c. Court assignment factors include: Cumulative % games won, prior court assignment, # of games played, ratings, recent performance, and head-to-head encounters.
- d. Players move up the ladder by winning a higher percentage of games.
- e. Players move down the ladder by winning a lower percentage of games.

#### **4. PLAY PROCESS:**

- a. 24 games (three 8-game sets). Each Player plays with everyone else on the same court as partner during the match.
- b. Set # 1: Player #1 partners with Player #2; Player #3 partners with Player #4.
- c. Set # 2: Player #1 partners with Player #3; Player #2 partners with Player #4.
- d. Set # 3: Player #1 partners with Player #4; Player #2 partners with Player #3.

#### **5. PRACTICE SERVES/WARM-UP:**

- e. Practice serves by all players are taken during Warm-Up before first serve of match.
- f. No FBI.

#### **5. SIDE ORDER:**

- a. Before Warm-Up, Player #1 chooses the side to start his Warm-Up and serve. This applies to each 8-game set.
- b. Switch sides of the court only once during each set, after 4 games. During each 8-game set, players serve once from each side of the court.

#### **6. SERVE ORDER:**

- a. Set # 1: Player #1 serves first, completing game 1. Then Player #3, #2, #4
- b. Set # 2: Player #1 serves first, followed by Player #2, #3, #4
- c. Set # 3: Player #1 serves first, followed by Player #2, #4, #3

#### **7. GAME SCORING:**

- a. Scores are called at Love-15-30-40-Game.
- b. Standard USTA "Advantage" scoring applies for Deuce games. At Deuce, Player/Team must win two consecutive points to win game.
- c. No tie-breaks.

#### **8. WITHDRAWAL/PARTIAL MATCH PLAY SCORING:**

- a. If a Player withdraws or retires from the match, all remaining players' game scores will be credited with up to five (5) games per set.
- b. Ladder scoring is not affected by Replacement Players.

#### **9. BALLS:**

- a. One player per court provides "Pro-Shop" balls!
- b. Everyone else contributes \$1 to the person supplying the balls. Bring cash!
- c. New "Pro-Shop" Match balls to be opened for Warm-Up & Match play at 10:30.

#### **10. RESULTS REPORT:**

- a. Weekly: Court Winners
- b. Mid-Season: "Top 10 Balboa Acers"
- c. Seasonally: All scores and player rankings reported. All scores reset.