

USTA

Winter Classic 2023

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January 14th - 15th, 2023
Webster, TX (Houston Area)





Agenda

Welcome

- ❖ **Tournament Schedule**
- ❖ **Volunteering**
- ❖ **Rules & Regulations**
- ❖ **Policy Updates**
- ❖ **Q & A**



Tournament Schedule

Saturday

- ❖ Facility/Courts will be open @ 7:00 AM
- ❖ Opening Ceremony @ 7:30 AM
- ❖ Games will promptly begin @ 8:00 AM
- ❖ 5 or 6 Regular Season Games
- ❖ Lunch Break @ 11:45 AM-1:00 PM
- ❖ Coaches/Referees game during lunch if time permits.
- ❖ No charge for spectators to watch at the facility

■ Food is **NOT** allowed onsite

Sunday

- ❖ Courts will open @ 7:30 AM
- ❖ Games start at 8:00 AM
- ❖ 1 or 2 Regular Season Games
- ❖ Pre-Qtr will start @ 11:00 AM
- ❖ Qtr Finals @ 12:45 PM
- ❖ Semis @ 2:15 PM
- ❖ 3rd place game @ 4:00 PM
- ❖ Finals @ 4:00 PM
- ❖ Trophy Presentation following Finals

Tie Breaker / Seedings are all automatic based on scores of each game

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Information is subject to change



Volunteering

- ❖ Each team will be required to volunteer 8 linesperson during their scheduled breaks.
- ❖ During your respective games, a member from each team is required to volunteer as a scorekeeper.
- ❖ It is responsibility of each team's scorekeeper to ensure starting lineup for each set is captured.
- ❖ **A no-show will result in a set loss with 25-0 in the next game the team is scheduled to play.**
- ❖ For pre quarters, teams will be required to provide 1 linesperson and 1 scorekeeper.

Please note: Players/coaches volunteering will not miss any part of their games.



Rules & Regulations

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The same rotation position must be maintained throughout the set that has been selected. If ref notices out of rotation

- ❖ **1st time** - team loses 1 point and serve, if serve side and opposing team gets a point
- ❖ **2nd time** - team loses 2 points and serve, if serve side and opposing team gets a point
- ❖ **3rd time** - team loses a set with 25-0

This enforcement is for the duration of the tournament.



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Time outs

- ❖ There are 2 - 1 minute times in each set
 - At :45 secs, ref will give warning whistle
 - At 1:00 min sharp, the ref will whistle again

Set Change

- ❖ Team has 2 minutes to start
 - At 1:45 secs, ref will give warning whistle
 - At 2:00 min sharp, the ref will whistle again

Handshakes between sets are unnecessary and will be counted as part of the 2 mins set change time. Please wait till end of game to shake hands.



Code of Conduct - Zero Tolerance Policy

A Zero Tolerance Policy has been sent to all of the coaches/captains in the Winter Classic chat. Please ensure players and coaches read and understand the policy.

This is a requirement to participate in this tournament to ensure fun, safe and fair environment for all.

Should you have any questions, please reach out to Farid Premjee.



Housekeeping

Cleanliness of the facility is a responsibility of all participants.

- ❖ Teams will be responsible for cleaning the courts that they play on after the 10:30 AM game (prior to lunch). If a team doesn't clean the area prior to the start of the next game than **BOTH** teams that played on that court will start the next game in a 25-0 loss for set 1. The teams that have a bye are responsible for cleaning the bleachers/spectator common areas.
- ❖ Teams will be responsible for cleaning the courts and their respective bleachers that they play on after their last game scheduled at 3:45 PM. The team that has a bye will be responsible to clean upstairs. If a team doesn't clean the area before departing the facility than **BOTH** teams that played on that court will start the next game in a 25-0 loss for set 1. The teams that have a bye are responsible for cleaning the bleachers/spectator common areas.



Housekeeping

- ❖ For Sunday once all the regular season games are done all teams will be responsible for cleaning their respective courts they play on after the 9:15 AM game. The teams that have a bye are responsible for cleaning the bleachers/spectator common areas. This will continue all the way through the playoffs for the remaining teams.

We humbly request teams to please keep the facility clean.



General Questions/Comments can be addressed to the following email: usatassociation@gmail.com