



## STATEMENT OF CULTURE

### WOMEN'S CITY LEAGUE

Your club is proud to offer active leagues to the members. Women's City League is both competitive and a social program, which provides many opportunities for growing your tennis skills and friendships.

We understand not every team will be structured the same way. With support and direction from the Tennis Department, each captain will develop her own philosophy for team organization and management. Many different styles and systems can be implemented to help the team and players reach success.

In the spirit of promoting the team approach, the Tennis Department offers these "best practices" to guide captains and team members.

#### FOR CAPTAINS

Early on and with input from team member, establish the team philosophy for making match line-ups (will teams promote equal play for all members, or will some other means (i.e., ladder, challenges, etc.) be used to establish match line-ups?) It should be discussed and communicated to all team members if the team philosophy changes at any point in the season.

A good faith effort should be made to play all team members at least twice during a city league half-season.

Keep lines of communication open with players, for input regarding partners, positions played, etc.

#### FOR PLAYERS

As representatives for your Club, all players are expected to practice good sportsmanship, both as hosts and guests at other facilities. Good sportsmanship includes, but is not limited to, clapping/cheering at appropriate times, knowing proper tennis etiquette and rules, making proper line calls, following City League match procedures, and more.

Handle conflicts and/or misunderstandings with composure, both on and off the court. Be respectful and supportive of your Captain's efforts. Communicate concerns in a constructive manner. Offer solutions to help solve challenges.

Enjoy your City League experience, and remember, the Tennis Department is always a resource for input and advice.

To your success,

Your Tennis Department