

## AVAC USTA CAPTAIN FAQs

### **What should I expect during the AVAC team Registration process?**

- Work with the USTA coordinator to assist as needed with the number and size of teams that will best allow AVAC Policy goals to be met.

### **What should I expect after AVAC registration closes, but Prior to Season Start?**

- Captains will receive a list of registered players from the AVAC USTA Coordinator
- Captains are to communicate via email to member players registered for team where to register on USTA, Define “at-level” for players, and provide expectations for match play, and encourage team cohesion
- Captains are strongly encouraged to set expectations for team players who are not “at-level”, provide suggestions to improve chances for match play (Singles play, or come to the team with an established partner who will “level” play (i.e. Mixed)
- Captains are encouraged to direct their players with a link to AVAC USTA Policies (available on the AVAC website), and provide the link to the USTA NorCal website with the vast resources to better prepare for the upcoming season. This is especially important for players who are new to USTA league play.  
<https://www.usta.com/en/home/play/adult-tennis/programs/northerncalifornia/tennis-resources.html>
- In the case where there are not enough AVAC members to fill a roster, refer to the AVAC policies document in regards to rules for recruiting non-members, any need to go beyond maximum allowances should be discussed with USTA Coordinator and Tennis Director

### **What should I expect during Season Play?**

- The Captain is the main point of contact for the team for matches and practices. Staying on top of the schedule and any scheduling changes needed due to weather, etc is key.
- Captain should make every effort to put each at-level player into the minimum number of matches to qualify for postseason play. A team member who is not at-level is not guaranteed any matches.
- Captain should welcome open discussion about matchplay, and partnering opportunities during the Season

- Captains should strive to maintain consistent communication with the entire team in regards to scheduling, upcoming matches, etc to help all players stay informed and give ample opportunity for feedback, avoiding last minute problems.