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Dear Captains and Players,

We sincerely hope this finds you well during this challenging time, and we thank you so much for your patience as we navigate this journey together. **The current plan is to resume play on June 1st, picking back up with the 2020 Adult Spring League.** We look forward to seeing all of you back on the courts soon, enjoying this sport and the camaraderie that we all love!

As league play for 2020 has been suspended but not canceled, dates for future leagues will be adjusted and communicated just as soon as confirmed. Note, league play will NOT overlap. This means you can still look forward to playing this year in all of your favorite leagues! Be on the lookout for new information for 2020 Mixed, Tri-Level and Combo leagues. For questions regarding these three leagues in particular, email laurahuss@memphista.com. For questions regarding Adult Leagues for Spring and ESL, email jackiemills@memphista.com.

Please carefully review the three attachments from our USTA TN state office in regard to the resumption of the adult league season, along with some rule modifications for this year only. Below you'll find several impactful changes summarized for the 2020 season:

1. Unlimited Rosters (Adult & Mixed); note, roster limit of 18 for Tri-Level & Combo
2. 1 completed match qualifies player for playoffs / state championships (a retired match counts, but a default does not)
3. ESL winners have until June 1st to pay security deposit or withdraw without penalty (*if the state dates are confirmed by then*)
4. Please note that all of the above is assuming we resume play on June 1st.

Captains, we thank you for all that you do! We certainly hope your Spring teams are still planning to play, yet also realize that with our spring league now moving into summer, there are likely other factors that may affect your players here in the Memphis area (heat, seasonal availability, work, school, etc.) We ask the following of you:

1. Find out from each of your players if they will play spring league this summer.
2. Will your spring team be participating this summer in Memphis?
3. Reach out to your home facility and verify that they will be able to host your home matches at their courts this summer. If not, advise of your alternate plan.
4. Send email to jackiemills@memphista.com with answers to the above three questions as soon as possible, but **no later than May 4th**. This information is vital to re-scheduling!

This will be a shortened season. Teams will be guaranteed 5 matches, with attempts for a full round robin made for brackets with 6-8 teams. Exceptionally large brackets may have un-flighted brackets (aka partial round robins). Safe social distancing will impact scheduling (for example split court matches, flex matches, self-scheduling; in short, a relaxed season). The ultimate goal – *assuming play resumes on June 1st* – is to have all matches completed & reported **by JULY 19th**. All other local rules will still apply. There will be a shortened playoff format for the ladies' groups. *Note, only 1st place teams in each bracket will advance.* **Regarding CREDITS** if needed: players need to email jackiemills@memphista.com and provide 1) name 2) age bracket 3) team NTRP level 4) team captain 5) weekday or weekend. **Per state rules, no credits will be given after the deadline of May 13th.** Registration will be re-opened, and you may add players til July 1st.

We can't wait to see you!

Jackie Mills & Laura Huss

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