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A. GENERAL

- **A.1. Event Mission:** The mission of Courts & Cocktails is to promote social, fun, and recreational round-robin tennis paired with casual hospitality and good sportsmanship.
- **A.2. Player Agreement:** All participants agree to abide by these Rules of Play, maintain high standards of fair play, make honest line calls, and prioritize safety and friendly play on and off the court.
- **A.3. Code of Conduct:** Unsportsmanlike behavior, aggressive disputes, or reckless play will not be tolerated. Because matches are unofficiated, all disputes should be resolved quickly and cordially (e.g., replay the point if in doubt).

B. FORMAT & ROTATION

- **B.1. Match Format:** Play consists of timed rounds (e.g., 20–25 minutes) or a fixed number of games (e.g., 6 total games per round) depending on event scheduling.
- **B.2. Scoring:** Standard no-ad scoring is used to keep rounds moving efficiently: At deuce (40–40), the receiving team decides which side will receive the deciding game point.
- **B.3. Partner & Court Rotation:** At the end of each round, individual game scores are recorded on the scorecard. Players rotate courts and/or switch partners according to the event schedule or flight bracket.
- **B.4. Ties:** If a timed round ends during a game, the game in progress counts only if completed. If games are tied at time expiration, the tie stands on the scorecard.

C. MATCH PLAY & ETIQUETTE

- **C.1. Warm-Up:** Warm-up is limited to 5 minutes prior to the start of the first round. Subsequent rounds begin immediately after rotations.
- **C.2. Service & Line Calls:** Server calls the score audibly before each serve. Players call their own lines promptly and clearly. Give the opponent the benefit of any doubt.

- **C.3. Ball Management:** The server should ensure two balls are in hand before initiating play. Promptly clear stray balls from adjacent courts to prevent safety hazards.

D. COCKTAILS & SOCIAL GUIDELINES

- **D.1. Court Safety:** All drinks must remain off the court playing surface at all times (bench or spectator area only). Glass containers are strictly prohibited near the courts.

- **D.2. Responsible Hospitality:** Refreshments and cocktails are to be enjoyed responsibly to ensure player safety and maintain a fun environment for everyone.

- **D.3. Wrap-Up & Social Hour:** At the conclusion of the final round, players return balls to the desk, submit final score tallies, and gather for social refreshments and awards.