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A FESTIVE PADDLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Registration under way for Cinco de Mayo doubles competition

LOS ANGELES – Registration is under way for the 2008 Cinco de Mayo Doubles Paddle Tennis Tournament at Venice Beach Recreation Center, a City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks facility located at 1800 Ocean Front Walk, to be held the weekend of May 3 and May 4, 2008, with competitions for both men and women.

Five divisions – Men's Open, A, and B, and Women's Open and A – are offered for teams to choose from, with the double-elimination tournament to be conducted under United States Paddle Tennis Association rules. Each division may be limited to 16 teams, with a minimum of six needed for a division to be contested.

Players use solid paddles, made of wood or graphite, and a regulation tennis ball that is punctured to reduce the air pressure and the amount of bounce. The court is smaller than, but similar (proportional) to, a traditional tennis court, and the style of play and scoring is much like, but not identical to, the game that is played at the U.S. Open and Wimbledon.

Trophies will be presented to the top two teams in each division, and participants will receive a tournament T-shirt and refreshments while supplies last. The event is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday (as needed).

The entry fee is \$60 per team through April 19, \$70 from April 20 through May 2, and \$80 (cash only) on the day the tournament begins, but prior to the start of competition. For more information about or to register for the tournament, call (310) 399-2775.

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