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## A ONE-ON-ONE PADDLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT *Registration under way for Spring Singles event at Venice Beach*

**LOS ANGELES** – Registration is under way for the 2009 Spring Singles 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. The competition will take place on Saturday, March 28, and Sunday, March 29.

Five divisions – Men’s Open, A, and B, and Women’s Open and B – are offered for players to choose from, and the double elimination tournament will be conducted under United States Paddle Tennis Association rules. Each division may be limited to a maximum of 16 participants, with a minimum of six competitors 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, as well as 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 go to the top two finishers in each division, and participants will receive a tournament t-shirt and refreshments while supplies last. The event is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday (3/28), and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday (3/29, if needed).

Early registration is \$25 per player through March 21, and \$45 from March 22 through March 27. For more information about or to sign up for the tournament, call Venice Beach Recreation Center at (310) 399-2775.

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