

WTA Rules

General - Section 1

1. League matches will follow the rules established on the USTA national website. Exceptions and clarifications are the subject of the USTA Local League Rules.
2. The USTA official publication "The Code" and "Friend at Court" are available on the USTA national website.
<https://www.usta.com/en/home/play/adult-tennis/programs/national/usta-league.html>
3. A player may play only one NTRP level (0.5) above his or her published self-rate or computer rating.

Match Play - Section 2

1. The captain responsibilities:
 1. Know the national, state and local USTA rules
 2. Enforce good sportsmanship on matters of behavior of players & spectators
 3. Establish the line ups and communicate with team members
 4. Make sure courts and balls are provided for home matches
 5. Record scores on the computer within 48 hours of the played match. Confirmation of scores within 48 hours - after 48 hours scores stand. Contact League Coordinator if score disputed.
2. Players may be added to roster during the season.
3. The captain is responsible for accurately reporting scores. If an incorrect score is posted, email the league coordinator with the match # and details. Scores must be entered within 48 hours and confirmed. Scores stand after 48 hours.
4. Matches are regular scoring with a Coman tiebreaker used in lieu of a third set.
Set tiebreaks (first to 7, win by 2) should be played at 6-6
Match tiebreaks (first to 10, win by 2) should be played for 3rd set.
5. Exchanging line-ups must be done 5 minutes prior to the scheduled match time. Warm-up can be taken up to 15 minutes after the scheduled match time.
6. Lateness starts at the time the match is scheduled to begin. After 15 minutes, the match will be considered a forfeit.
7. Match play must begin no later than 15 minutes after the designated start time.
8. Cell phones and other electronic devices are to be turned off during play. Should a player's communication device go off during play, their opponent may call a let on the first offense and warn the offender that any subsequent offense will result in the loss of that point.
9. Coaching is NOT allowed during a USTA league.
10. No glass bottles or alcoholic beverages may be brought unless the home site allows it.

Complaint/Grievance: - Section 3

1. Points played in good faith stand. If a disagreement arises on court it should be resolved before play resumes. Detailed information may be found in [Friend at Court "The Code" available on the USTA website](#). Match results will stand as played.

2. To place a formal complaint/grievance, it must be presented in writing to the WTA league coordinator within 5 days of the occurrence by the team captain or acting captain that was present at the match. All grievances require a \$50 fee, which will be returned if the grievance is upheld.

3. If the matter is a NTRP protest, a written protest must be submitted by a team captain directly to Todd Reed, Ratings Coordinator, USTA Texas at treed@texas.usta.com. Computer rated players cannot be protested.

Inclement Weather - Section 4

1. The Home Captain determines the condition at the match site. If there is a Severe Weather Warning declared by the National Weather Service within one hour of the scheduled match time in the county where you are scheduled to play, the match should be postponed.
2. Team may cancel matches in the event of rain or wet courts, windchill below 32 degrees one hour prior to the match. Team Captains may choose to play in any weather.
3. If match play has not begun, the line up can be changed for the make up match. A team is not held to any defaulted lines given.
4. If the match has begun (first service attempt), the score and the order of serving will be recorded so that the match can be resumed at the same point.
5. Do not cancel for rain until the afternoon of the match.
6. All make up matches must be completed within 2 weeks of the last scheduled match. If possible makeup matches should be completed within two weeks of match date.

Coaching and Sportsmanship - Section 5

No coaching is permitted at any time

The server shall announce the game score before the first point of a game the point score before each subsequent point of the game. If there is disagreement over the score, it shall be resolved by one of the following methods, listed in order of preference:

- 1) Count all points and games agreed upon by the players and replay only disputed points
- 2) Play from a score mutually agreeable to all players
- 3) Spin a racquet or toss a coin.

Spectators may not aid players in making a line call or in determining the correct score. A spectator is any person not playing the match; this includes team captains, teammates, and players on adjacent courts.

Spectators may quietly watch a match in progress. They should not stand or sit on the courts which includes benches or seating areas designated for use by players. Spectators are never allowed on an active court unless rendering aid to a physically injured player.

It is the responsibility of the captains to control the behavior of their teams and teams' spectators. Loud, boisterous, or unsportsmanlike behavior is unacceptable. If a problem arises, players should ask the spectator to refrain from the offensive behavior. If the behavior persists, the team captains should be summoned to handle the situation.

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