



## **WASHINGTON TENNIS ASSOCIATION TENNIS LEAGUE LEAGUE PROCEDURES**

### **WTA Local League Procedures**

#### **TIMED MATCH AND SCORING PROCEDURES:**

Timed matches for the following leagues are played for 1-1/2 hours:

Mixed 18&Over Winter  
Adult 18&Over Summer  
Adult 40&Over Summer  
Mixed 40&Over Summer  
Tri-Level Men, Women & Mixed  
Combo

Timed matches for the following leagues are played for 2 hours:

Adult 55&Over  
Adult 65&Over  
Mixed 55&Over

#### **MATCH RESCHEDULING :**

Matches scheduled for 1 -1/2 hours will be rescheduled if interrupted before 45 minutes of play are completed. (see pg. 4, Matches Interrupted Due to Inclement Weather)

#### **DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP:**

District League and Playoff Championship matches will be scheduled for 2 hours. Any level with 7 or 8 teams will have a Playoff Championship. National USTA rules for championships will apply. All players must have played 2 local league matches in order to be eligible to compete in a Playoff match. Only one of the two matches may be a default. Line-ups will be due in to the tournament desk 15 minutes before the scheduled match time or incur a \$25 late fee (cash) penalty. Your team will not be allowed to submit a lineup or take the court until the fee is paid.

## **SCORING:**

After the completion of all matches, Captains or their designees should sign both of the scorecards, indicating their agreement that the players and the scores recorded are correct.

## **SCORING PROCEDURES:**

One Point will be awarded for each individual match won during a team match. At the end of the league season, the team with the most individual matches will be declared the winner of that Level. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined in the following order: head to head, fewest sets lost, fewest games lost.

## **OFFICIAL MATCHTIME:**

Using a timepiece with satellite clock synchronization, Captains or a designee shall call time when the match time has elapsed.

## **PROCEDURE FOR SPLIT MATCHES:**

In any incomplete set after a minimum of two (2) games, the team ahead by ONE GAME is the winner of that set. If the time runs out in any set tiebreak, it does not count regardless of the score.

Any point currently being played when the time runs out is not counted.

If any match results in a split sets, count the total number of games for each team. The team with the most games WINS the match. If the total games won by each team are tied, one (1) point will be played to determine the winner of the match. The Home team spins the racquet to determine which team will serve/receive the point. The non-serving team has the option of selecting the deuce or ad court to receive, but in no event shall the players change court side. One point is played. The winner of that point is declared one additional game and winner of the match.

If the 10 point match tiebreak is not completed, the player/team that is ahead by one (1) or more points Shall be awarded a WIN. If the player/team is tied in points, use the method indicated above, and plays one (1) point.

## **ROSTER LIMITS:**

Each Adult team shall consist of a minimum of 8 players and a maximum of 18 players of the same sex eligible to compete at a specific level of completion.

All 2.5 and 5.0 teams shall consist of a minimum of (5) players and a maximum of 12 players of the same sex eligible to compete at a specific level.

Each Mixed team shall consist of a minimum of 6 players (3 men and 3 women) and a maximum of 16 players with combined rating appropriate for that level.

### **ROSTER ADDITIONS:**

Teams can add players at any time during the local league season up to the start of a team's next-to-last match. Players should be registered before competing in a match. To avoid disputes, players who participate in their first match on the same day they register are strongly encouraged to bring proof of registration to the match.

For the 55&Over, 65&Over and the 55&Over Mixed there will be Additional Roster procedures established by the Local League Coordinator.

### **PLAYER DELETION:**

Players may be deleted from a team roster on tennis link upon approved request from the player. Players are only entitled to partial reimbursement if they HAVE NOT played a match for that team this league season. The player must submit the completed Player Deletion Form and forward to the League Coordinator by the **END OF THAT LEAGUE SEASON**. For example if Winter Mixed Doubles 18 & Over ends March 17, 2014 the player deletion form is due by March 17 NOT 30 March, 2014. Player Deletion Forms are available on the USTA-DC web site [www.washingtondc.usta.com](http://www.washingtondc.usta.com).

### **WEATHER:**

#### **Rain Make-up Procedures for Unplayed League Matches**

Players, captains and level coordinators are not to call the front desk of any facility to reserve courts for make-up matches. Instead, please follow the below procedure to insure a smooth process for everyone involved.

1. Available court time to consider are Sundays 8 am to 7 pm and Weekdays after 6:30 pm.
2. Team Captains should canvass team availability and come up with proposed dates.
3. After agreement Captains should then notify level Coordinators of amenable make-up dates/times.
4. Coordinators will schedule and confirm makeup matches with court assignments.

If captains do not reach an agreement, after 48 hours the Coordinator will schedule the match. Matches scheduled by a Coordinator will be final and not changed to suit your team's availability.

### ***MATCHES INTERRUPTED BEFORE COMPLETION***

Matches Scheduled for 1 -1/2 hours will not be rescheduled if interrupted after 45 minutes of play are completed. Scores will be entered as the match stands.

#### **IF LESS THAN 45 MINUTES ARE COMPLETED:**

**Matches that have begun and are interrupted due to inclement weather or a facility decision should be completed within 7 days.** League matches will not remain incomplete because a player is out of town for an extended period.

Failure to comply with the above guidance may result in forfeiture or retirement of the match.

#### **REIMBURSEMENT FOR MAKEUP MATCHES:**

There will be No reimbursement for matches scheduled by players at a different site. Matches will usually only be scheduled by a coordinator at the original site of the match Hains Point, Rock Creek Tennis Center, of Tennis Center at College Park.

#### **BATHROOM BREAKS:**

Bathroom breaks are limited to a reasonable amount of time, generally not to exceed 3 minutes and are authorized only if truly necessary. Bathroom breaks during the last 15 minutes of the time allotted for a match constitute unsportsmanlike behavior and may subject a team to Grievance Complaint and penalty. Teams are encouraged to use the 2 minute set break, and if necessary, the 90 second changeover time, to take whatever bathroom breaks are needed.

#### **USE OF COURT:**

Teams/players are only allowed to occupy courts during their scheduled period of match play with the exception of a sudden death match point play. If a match is defaulted, players from OTHER TEAMS ARE NOT allowed on any court.

#### **VISITORS/PLAYERS:**

Only the players who are playing the scheduled match ARE ALLOWED on the tennis court at the facility site. Visitors/other team members **ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER OR SIT ON THE MATCH COURT** or use any additional courts unless they have reserved the court through the facility.