



# HIGHLIGHTS OF NATIONAL REGULATIONS & FLORIDA SECTION RULES

## GENERAL

All USTA Leagues will adhere to the USTA League National and Florida Section Regulations. Local rules are developed to supplement the National and Section Regulations. The National and Florida Section rules are available on the USTA Florida website @ [www.ustaflorida.com](http://www.ustaflorida.com) Link: USTA Adult/Senior Leagues (top menu) / Captains Resource Page

## PLAYER REQUIREMENTS

Each player must:

- have reached 18 years of age prior to, or during the calendar year in which the player plays his/her first local league match. (N.R. 1.04E(3)) Refer to chart on page 6 for additional age requirements.
- possess a current USTA membership through the entire league season. (N.R. 1.04E(2))
- have a NTRP rating which is appropriate to the team's level (S.R. 1.06)

## TEAM REQUIREMENTS

Adult, Senior and Super Senior team rosters must maintain at least 75% of its players at the NTRP designated team level (S.R. 3.01B)

	Total # of players on roster	Total # of players allowed at lower level
<b>75/25</b> Reference Chart:	6-7	1
	8-11	2
	12-15	3
	16-19	4
	20-23	5

## PLAYER/TEAM ADVANCEMENT

To participate in any local league playoff or championship level match each player must play at least two matches during the local league season, with only one match counted as a default. (N.R. 3.01H(5)d) Exception: Adult & Senior Combo league players must play at least two matches during the local league season, with no defaults counting. (S.R. 7.55)

A Senior Mixed Invitational is offered. A player must have participated in at least two team matches with no more than one default counting for eligibility.

No National Championship competition is available for Senior Mixed, and Adult & Senior Combo.

A *retired* match shall count for all participants.

## SUSPENDED PLAY

Section Regulations 3.03C(1)(a), (b) and (c) govern local league play.

## GRIEVANCES, APPEALS, COMPLAINTS & PROCEDURES

The National 3.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES shall apply to all USTA League Tennis divisions. All grievances must be directed to the Local League Coordinator.

## SCORE REPORTING

Match results must be reported in TennisLink within 48 hours following the completion of the final individual match in a team match. After match scores have been reported in TennisLink, the opposing team must either confirm or dispute the match within 48 hours of the initial entry or the initial score will be considered valid automatically; and no appeals will be allowed. (S.R. 1.05)

## TEAM DEFAULTS

Team Defaults: For each team match, a majority of the individual matches must be played or the entire team match must be defaulted. (N.R. 2.03K) Refer to table on page 13.

Scoring of Team Defaults: If a team defaults an entire team match **for any reason** during round robin play, then all matches that team played, or to be played, shall be null and void unless all teams in that flight have already played the defaulting team in good faith, in which case the matches stand as played. (N.R. 2.03L)



## 2012 LOCAL LEAGUE RULES & REGULATIONS REGION: 8 AREA: Miami Dade County

### LOCAL LEAGUE COORDINATORS

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### RAINOUT / RESCHEDULE POLICIES

**ALL TEAMS** are required to play out all matches according to the original schedule. There will be no rescheduling of matches except for inclement weather or conflicts with other USTA events.

- In the event of inclement weather on match day, it is the responsibility of the home captain to contact the opponent.

-Matches shall not be called until 2 hours prior to the scheduled time. All attempts should be made to play. The official rainout time will be thirty minutes after the original starting time, unless both captains agree to declare a rainout sooner, or if the home facility has deemed the courts unplayable.

-Matches that are postponed due to inclement weather **MUST BE RESCHEDULED BETWEEN THE TWO CAPTAINS WITHIN 48 HRS AND THE AGREED UPON DATE EMAILED TO THE LLC** for approval. The rescheduled date must be played within 2 weeks of the original scheduled day.

If a date can not be agreed upon within the 48 hours, then the LLC will set the date, time and place in which both teams must be present. If the players are not present, teams will receive defaults.

Matches that were started prior to the rain will be recorded as retired if players are not present.

-If play cannot resume within 30 minutes or if both captains agree to declare a rainout sooner, any completed individual matches will stand as played.

### DEFAULTS:

Full team defaults will not be permitted during the regular season. Each team is required to play all matches on the scheduled date. In the event a team is unable to play a match on the scheduled date for any reason other than inclement weather or conflict with other USTA events, the following rules will apply:

1. The team captain must notify the opposing captain before the scheduled match date and time.
2. One position in Mixed Doubles, Seniors and Combo and two positions in Adult league will be defaulted. The opposing team will be granted the win at these positions.
3. The remaining positions must be played within two weeks and will be scheduled at the

convenience of the opposing team.

### **SCORING FORMAT**

Match play will be best of two sets, with regular scoring and a set tiebreak at 6-all in each set. In the event of split sets, a match tiebreak will be played in lieu of a third set with the two minute set break and no coaching allowed. The Coman Tiebreak Procedure will be used for all tiebreaks.

### **LOCAL LEAGUE DATES / DEADLINES**

Please refer to [www.ustamiami.com](http://www.ustamiami.com) for registration and playoff and advancement information that pertains to your league.

### **ADDITIONAL LOCAL INFORMATION FOR MIAMI DADE COUNTY**

#### **MATCH FORMAT:**

Adult teams are required to field 5 positions (2) singles, and (3) doubles. Mixed Doubles, Senior and Combo teams are required to field (3) positions. If players are registered on more than one team, no consideration will be given in the scheduling of matches. Additionally, matches will not be rescheduled for this conflict.

Failure to register prior to play will result in a default.

#### **MATCH PLAY:**

Matches will start as published in TennisLink. Players not present within 15 minutes of the scheduled start time will be declared ineligible for the scheduled match.

It will be the responsibility of the captain of the home team to contact the visiting captain at least 1 day prior to the match to verify start time, court availability, and court fees.

Team captains must exchange lineups simultaneously before beginning the match. No match shall start until all of the players are present or the default time has expired.

No substitution may be made in an individual match after the lineup has been exchanged, except for injury to, illness of or disqualification of a player prior to the start of the match.

#### **\*SPECTATOR VIEWING\* – New Change for the 2012 Season:**

If a spectator/non lineup participant has to go through a gate, walk on the court to sit on the bench/chairs, then they are not allowed to sit in that area during the match. If the benches/chairs are located between courts, ie in a walkway, then the spectators are allowed to sit there.