

USTA MIDDLE STATES JR. TEAM TENNIS RULES TO CONSIDER FOR LOCAL PLAY

Please use the following as guideline for creating rules for your local league and pay special attention to the parts that are bold.

1. **When:** Make sure coaches and players have the Schedule
2. **Where:** Are Coach/Captain's responsible for securing own 2 courts for their match for 2 hours or do you have locations set?
3. **Who is responsible for the tennis balls:** Home teams are responsible for providing balls for the match. Each match should require 2 cans of balls.
4. **Match Format:** Each match is one set each of male singles, female singles, male doubles, female doubles, and two sets of mixed doubles. It is suggested that you put the two doubles matches on two courts first, and then singles, and then mixed doubles.
5. The team that wins the most games wins the match. If the score is tied at the end, then the result is a tie. Standings are based on games won. If there is a tie at the end of the season, the team with the best win-loss record, wins the league.
6. *League winners* in the Intermediate and Advanced Divisions win the right to advance to the District Championships **Insert your District Championships HERE**. To play in these, each team must pay \$75 to participate.
7. Home teams are responsible for reporting scores through TennisLink, although away teams also have this ability to do so if they choose.
8. **What to do in regards to weather?** In the event of inclement weather, the home team coach/captain is responsible for making the decision on a match. He or she can:
 - A. Book indoor courts to play the match at a nearby club. Note: Both teams must agree to play the match indoors, and if so, cover the cost of the courts.
 - B. **You need to set a deadline to make up matches.**
 - C. Coach/Captains should communicate with their opposing coach/captain at least 24 hours before the match to coordinate details such as directions, number of players, etc.
9. **What to do if at team doesn't have enough players for a match**
 - A. Defaulting? (Ex. If Team A only shows up with 1 girl they should default girls doubles)
10. Each coach/captain should bring a scorecard for the match.
 - A. Every player must be registered on TennisLink in order to play. We recommend that each coach/captain prints out a lineup card and makes sure everybody playing that day is registered. If they are not, they will not be able to play.
 - B. Coaching can be done at every changeover.