

SOUTH EAST TENNIS USTA

2024 Mixed Doubles Information

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The South East Tennis USTA League will abide by the 2024 USTA LEAGUE NATIONAL REGULATIONS, the 2024 USTA SOUTHERN SECTION REGULATIONS and the 2024 USTA NORTH CAROLINA REGULATIONS in addition to THE RULES OF TENNIS IN THE FRIEND AT COURT as stated in "THE CODE". These regulations can be viewed at nctennis.com in the Adult Leagues section of Adult Programs.

The South East Tennis USTA Leagues are affiliated and regulated locally by the Greater Wilmington Tennis Association (GWTA). Anyone participating in Local Leagues in South East Tennis is a member of the GWTA.

Noted in this document:

1.04E(4) Player Agreement. All players participating in the USTA League, as a condition of said participation, agree to abide and be bound by the USTA Constitution and Bylaws; the USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS; the FRIEND AT COURT - The USTA Handbook of Tennis Rules and Regulations including THE CODE and Wheelchair Rules of Tennis (unless modified by these USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS); and the standards of good conduct, fair play and good sportsmanship.

1.04E(5) Waiver of Claims. Players, participants, and any spectators or individuals that are participating in the USTA League acknowledge the risks associated with playing competitive tennis, accept those risks voluntarily, and in consideration of their acceptance in the USTA League Program, assume all loss or damage, and any claim or demand therefore on account of injury and/or exposure to infectious syndromes or diseases to the person or property or resulting in illness and/or death arising out of or related to their participation, whether caused by negligence or otherwise. By participating or attending a league event the players, participants and any spectators assume all risks whether known or unknown. Furthermore, Players, participants and spectators hold harmless the USTA, its affiliated Sectional Associations and Districts/Subdivisions and the host facility, their officials (Released Parties) and the Released Parties, employees and agents with respect to any injury or loss caused by negligence or otherwise to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Major Regulations Changes for 2024

There is not a limit on how many teams a player may advance, however, a player may not advance on multiple teams that are in the same NTRP level and age division. (ex. Adult 18 & over 3.5 teams from different local leagues).

- There will be NO special consideration in scheduling for players on multiple teams.
- Player registration fees will be required for each registration.

Teams that may advance directly to a State Championship or are participating in a qualifying event must be added to TennisLink and have their roster finalized with the minimum eligible number of players required to form a team registered no later than the date in the chart below. **Players may not be added to the TennisLink roster after the date below.**

Deadline to add a team
advancing directly to Mixed
State Championship

July 15, 2024

North Carolina Regulation: Teams that advance directly to a State Championship or are participating in a qualifying event must maintain their roster on TennisLink with a majority of players (greater than 50%) from within the league area that they are representing. For example, a roster of 15 players must have a minimum of 8 players residing within the league boundaries. An exception can be made if a team is formed by the State League Coordinator to qualify a team.

Teams that advance directly to a State Championship OR are participating in a qualifying event must maintain their rosters with at least 40% of players at the designated NTRP level of play. Leagues (and levels) that utilize combined ratings, (for example Combo Doubles, and Tri-Level League teams) are excluded.

1.04 USTA LEAGUE. 1.04A USTA League Program. The USTA League is a team competition for men, women and mixed genders at specified National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) levels of play. The purpose of the USTA League Program is to provide organized recreational play, emphasizing local competition, with advancement for winning teams from local competition to District/Area, Sectional and National Championships to determine annually USTA League National Championship teams in each approved level of competition. The USTA League is approved by USTA without necessity of a sanction application (See FRIEND AT COURT XVII B).

MIXED LEAGUE: (PLAY IN SOUTH EAST TENNIS BEGINS IN EARLY JUNE AND GOES THROUGH EARLY AUGUST)

The USTA Mixed Doubles Program allows men and women to play together on the same court encouraging participants to with their friends, family and co-workers.

MIXED LEAGUE TYPE	LOCAL LEAGUES (NEW FOR 2024 IN SOUTHERN & NC
18 & Over	2.5,3.0,3.5,4.0,4.5,10.0
40 & Over	3.0,3.5,4.0,4.5
55 & Over	3.0, 3.5, 4.0,4.5
65 & Over	3.0,3.5,4.0

ADDITIONAL LOCAL RULES AND CLARIFICATION

The Local League Coordinator is the only one who can interpret Local League Rules in conjunction with the NC State League Coordinator.

USTA MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS: All players must be current members of the USTA through the respective league seasons. **No renewals are allowed during the local league season.** TennisLink will not let players register for a team without a current membership.

A player may join USTA or renew membership by going to usta.com/membership and click on Adult Membership, and then follow the links.

TENNISLINK

Rosters, scores and standings will be facilitated through *TennisLink*. Captains and players may access *TennisLink* via wilmingtontennis.com or nctennis.com or by going to tennislink.usta.com. Local information is offered on the Wilmington site and the North Carolina site gives all the State information.

Captains must "Create a USTA Account" on the Home Page of TennisLink "login to your USTA Account". It is just a matter of giving your USTA number and e-mail address. This gives captains information for their own team and other captains' phone numbers.

TEAM ENTRY ON TENNISLINK: register in South East Tennis

Team registration for all leagues will be entered on TennisLink. Captains will create their team on TennisLink under Quick Links (**Online Team Creation**) and receive a team number. The team name must include the captain's last name. New USTA Guidelines limit team names to just captain's name and possibly facility if needed.

Each player is responsible for registering themselves on the team roster and paying their own fees via credit card. All fees will be paid directly to TennisLink.

PLAYER LEAGUE FEES (total):(determined for each league)

(\$6.00 goes to NCTA, **\$3.15** fee will be charged by TennisLink and the remainder will return to the local league to pay Court fees and administrative items). Individual players will not be responsible for additional court fees. (Make up matches should not have a court fee if played at the same location on the original schedule). If players choose to play at a different site, and fees are involved, those fees are the players' responsibilities. The LLC can secure courts for make-up matches if needed.

Mixed Doubles League: \$32 (plus \$3.15 TennisLink Fee)

Matches played in these leagues may be used in the calculation of NTRP Ratings as follows:

League	Results used to Calculate Rating?
Adult Other- 18 & Over 2.5	Yes
Adult Other- 18 & 5.5, and 40 & Over 2.5 and 5.0	No
Adult Other- 65 & Over	Yes
Mixed Other	No
NCTA Singles League	No
Southern Tri-Level	Yes

Southern Combo Doubles	No
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Roster Requirements for each league:

League	Season	Minimum number	Maximum Number
Adult 18 & over 2.5 and 5.0)	Spring	5	15
Adult 18 & over(3.0,3.5,4.0,4.5)	Spring	8	15
Adult 40 & over (2.5 Women & 5.0)	Spring	6	15
Adult 40 & over (3.0,3.5,4.0,4.5)	Spring	9	15
ult 55 & over & 65 & over	Spring	6	15
Mixed Doubles	Summer	3 men 3 women	15
NCTA Singles League	Varies	3	9
Southern Tri-Level	Varies	6	15
Southern Combo Doubles	Fall	6	15

In Leagues that offer straight level divisions, a player may play only one level above his or her current NTRP Rating (For example, a 3.5 player can play up on a 4.0 team, but cannot play up on a 4.5 team).

In order to qualify for “age requirements”, a player must turn that age within the year 2024, **With the exception of 18 year olds who must be 18 PRIOR to registering for a team...National Regulation: 2) 1.04E(3): Players must be 18 years of age prior to participating in the USTA League program.**

PLAYER REGISTRATION (ADULT SPRING LEAGUE):

Last Day for a player to Register to play on a 2024 Mixed Doubles League Team:

July 30, 2024 by 11:59pm

WINNERS DETERMINED:

As set by USTA North Carolina, Winners for each age division must be determined as stated below. There will be no exceptions to the deadline (unless guidelines are changed by USTA NC, and the local schedule will be done appropriately. Winners Due to State office no later than August 12, 2024.

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FACILITY DESIGNATION:

Teams will designate a private facility as their home court during registration on TennisLink if they meet the guidelines of the private facility. If you cannot designate that when creating the team, go ahead and put independent and let the LLC know. That designation can be corrected.

Non-private facility teams will **not** be guaranteed a specific public site for home matches.

DAYS OF PLAY IN SOUTH EAST TENNIS:

In order to give our players a variety of times to play which gives them opportunities to make their schedules work out and to get more play, the following are the days of play:

18 & over and 55 & over: may have matches Monday, Wednesday or Saturday

40 & over and 65 & over: may have matches Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday afternoon and evening
Occasionally, there are Friday matchers.

Teams may designate themselves as **DAY TEAMS**. When they play other Day Teams, teams will be during the day, either on the days during the week their age group plays OR on the weekend day.

REFUNDS

By unanimous vote from the GWTA Board of Directors, South East Tennis will follow the same guidelines for local league fees as USTA North Carolina will have for the Head Tax

NC Head Tax Refund Policy:

All refund requests should be made in writing to the Local League Coordinator by the player. The TennisLink processing fee is nonrefundable.

League with Local League Play:

Refunds will be issued to players who request, in writing, a refund **prior to the team's first scheduled match**. Any team dropping out of a league after the Initial Roster Deadline for that league will forfeit any registration fees paid and a grievance may be filed.

League with Direct Advancement to a State Championship:

Refund requests must be made prior to the deadline to Add a Team Advancing Directly to the State Championship.

State Championships: Refund requests for registration fees to any USTA North Carolina State Championships must be made in writing prior to the first scheduled match of the tournament, whether the level in question has begun play or not. Requests should be sent in writing to the State League Coordinator. All refunds will be credited to the credit card used to pay the registration fee. Refunds will be credited the week after the conclusion of the tournament.

There will be no refunds given due to cancellation or suspension of League or Championship play due to acts of God, war, government regulation or order, pandemic (including, but not limited to, COVID-19), terrorism, natural disaster, or any other emergency beyond USTA NC's control,

foreseeable or unforeseeable, which makes it illegal or impossible to offer or continue any USTA Adult League Tennis programming.

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NUMBER OF MATCHES PER LEVEL IS DETERMINED BY NUMBER OF TEAMS ON A PARTICULAR LEVEL. IN SOME CASES, FLIGHTS ARE THE BEST SOLUTION.

RANDOM ROUND ROBIN DRAWS ARE ALSO POSSIBLE BASED ON NATIONAL GUIDELINES.

Number of matches during a season:

This is determined by number of teams in a particular age division and level. In some cases, flights can be determined, and a playoff of winner of each flight will determine local winner.

SCHEDULES

Schedules should be followed as listed on TennisLink unless changes need to be made due to court problems or weather circumstances. The Local League Coordinator may have to change schedules due to unforeseeable circumstances. **The Local League Coordinator is the only person who can make a schedule change. Revised schedules will stand as the new schedule for any team involved. PLEASE DO NOT ARRANGE SCHEDULE CHANGES AT FACILITIES WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE LOCAL LEAGUE COORDINATOR FIRST.**

WHERE TO FIND MATCH SCHEDULES

Schedules can be found by clicking on your team name on My Tennis Page on TennisLink. Click on your team name. The next page will have the words Match Schedule. Click on that option. Captains, who have appropriately registered on TennisLink, will be given the phone numbers for the other team captains.

SCHEDULE CHANGE REQUEST DUE TO RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS:

Captains should check with their team members as soon as schedules are released (and perhaps as they form teams) to see if any scheduled matches conflict directly with a scheduled match that occurs on an official religious holiday. If so, the local league coordinator must be notified within four(4) days of the published schedule (or prior to scheduling) and she will confirm the conflict and re-schedule the team match. **Notifications made after the four(4) days will not be considered for schedule changes.**

DEATHS/FUNERALS: If there is a death of a team member or team member's immediate family whose visitation or funeral locally conflicts with a scheduled match date, the LLC will determine when that match is played.

LOCAL TOURNAMENT CONFLICTS

The support of Local Tournaments is very important in our tennis community. Local teams who have at least five (5) players participating in local tournaments may re-schedule the "affected courts" (players who are playing in the local tournament). As many courts as possible should be played. In the event that this affects the entire match, the match will be treated as a rain make up. With Mixed Doubles, the numbers of those participating "could" be less than five if gender is a factor.

The Local League Coordinator must be notified of this conflict, as well as the opposing captain, on or before the date of the tournament deadline. The affected team will give the LLC the court positions that need to be re-scheduled.

The remaining courts will be played as scheduled. The courts that need to be made up must be done within 11 days of the scheduled time, or, before the end of the season deadline whichever comes first. This may be less than the 11 days. The team requesting the re-scheduling must use the players who were participating in the tournament in the make-up match or default that court.

LINEUP EXCHANGE

Each scheduled match will have a “match number.” Prior to the match, captains should obtain a copy of the Match Scorecard from the *TennisLink* system. Go to TennisLink, click on the Match Schedule and click on the Match Number for the upcoming match. This will give an option to print the scorecard. This card should be filled in with the match lineup. Captains exchange scorecards and assign players to the appropriate court.

THE OPPONENTS MUST HAVE A PLAYER THERE READY TO PLAY IN ORDER TO TAKE A DEFAULT. Prior to card exchange, notify the opposing captain if you are defaulting a court(s). **Your opponents may change their lineup. They do not see your lineup prior to changing their lineup. They just know which court(s) you are defaulting.**

In the event that a player is not ready to play by 15 minutes after the scheduled time, then that court becomes a default win for the opposing team (**unless the substitution rule below can be used**). The player(s) who wins by default must be available and ready to play and a court must be available for play. Defaults will be “from the bottom up,” defaulting the lowest positions first. The chart below shows which courts are to be defaulted first in the different match types.

Match Types:

Courts to be Defaulted First:

3 Doubles

#3 Doubles

SUBSTITUTION RULE: Southern Regulation: An individual match is started when the first ball is put in play. After the start of an individual match, if injury to or illness of a player occurs, the opponents will be awarded a retirement for that individual match only. If a disqualification occurs, the opponents will be awarded a default.

A. In the event of illness, injury, disqualification, or no-show of a player prior to the first serve of an individual match (once the lineup has been exchanged), a team may substitute a player in the affected position within the 15-minute default time, using a player not already listed on the lineup. If no substitution can be made, the affected position only will be defaulted in local leagues.

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MATCH DEFAULTS

Each team must have the minimum number of players available to play the majority of individual matches (Field 3 courts for a 5 courts match; field 3 courts for a 4 courts match; **field 2 courts for a 3 courts match**). If a team fails to do so, the entire match (all courts) are deemed defaulted and the opposing team will be credited with a total team default and will win each individual match with a default score (6-0, 6-0). If neither team has the required minimum number of players, the match shall be scored as a double team default and neither team will receive credit for a win. In the case of a team default or double team default and individual courts have been played (for example, rain make-ups), any individual matches actually played will count only for NTRP ratings and player eligibility for advancement and cannot count for determining standings.

USTA NORTH CAROLINA REGULATION:

1)a Full Team Default: At the end of the season, standings will be evaluated to see if the full team default influenced the final standings. If the final standings were affected, all of the matches of the defaulting team will be removed from the standings (only the effected round, if more than one round robin) and the final standing

will be recalculated. If neither team in contention received a full team default, the final standings will stand. The defaulting team may be subject to a grievance 2 Team Defaults: If a team defaults 2 full team matches all of their matches played or to be played will be null and void. Matches played will count for player NTRP ratings and player advancement purposes, but will not be used to determine final standings. A grievance **MAY** be filed. Teams with 2 team defaults will not be eligible for advancement.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE LEAGUE COORDINATOR IF YOUR OPPONENT DEFAULTS AN ENTIRE MATCH.

MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS FOR BOTH TEAMS: If

both teams have the minimum number of players available to play, but the combination of individual defaults by the two teams would result in the majority of matches not being played (valid team match), the teams must follow the procedure below:

The first course of action would be for both captains to agree on what individual matches, based on the number of players present, or to be present, can be played to constitute a valid team match. Once that is determined, both captains will re-exchange scorecards.

If both captains cannot come to an agreement on what lines will be played to constitute a valid team match, based on the number of players present, or to be present, then the following individual matches will be assigned in sequential order to be played:

Format	Required Matches in sequential order	Minimum # of Players Required per team for Valid Team Match
2 singles, 3 doubles	#1 and #2 singles, and #1 doubles (priority); #2 doubles if enough players present	4
1 single; 3 doubles	#1 Singles; #1and #2 Doubles or all 3 doubles if enough players present	5
1 single, 2 doubles	#1 singles and #1 doubles	3
3 doubles	#1 and #2 doubles	4

If these procedures are not followed and the resulting scorecard shows an invalid team match, both teams will be charged a full team default.

COURT CHOICE

Simultaneously with the card exchange, and BEFORE looking at the opponent’s scorecard, the HOME TEAM captain (as listed on the schedule) determines where each match is played (meaning which court; Example: 1st doubles will be played on Court #2; 2nd doubles will be played on Court #5, etc.). PLEASE NOTE: In the event that you are waiting on the previous matches to finish, you MUST begin on the first available court in the order of the lineup. Example: when playing only three doubles (55 & 65 & over), 1st doubles plays on that first available court; then 2nd doubles on the next available court and proceed down the scorecard. When it is an age division that plays singles, start at the top of the scorecard.

MATCH TIME

After exchanging lineups, captains should quickly give their players the opponent’s name(s) and assign their players to the proper courts. (PLAYERS SHOULD INTRODUCE THEMSELVES TO THE OPPONENT AND SAY WHAT

POSITION (example: 1st doubles; 2nd doubles, etc.) THEY ARE PLAYING. **It is very important to make sure players are playing the correct opponent. Many sites have more than one match scheduled at the same time.** If courts are available, warm-ups begin at the scheduled match time. **There is a ten (10)-minute warm-up period. If players opt to go to the bathroom during this warm-up period, they do not get additional time to warm up.** Included in the warm-up time period is the time to take serves.

CAPTAINS: IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT THE WARM UP TIME IS OBSERVED! We must begin on time so that the next matches will not be delayed.

IF A PLAYER ARRIVES BEFORE THE FIFTEEN (15) MINUTE DEFAULT TIME, THEN THAT PLAYER IS GIVEN ONLY FIVE (5) MINUTES TO WARM UP.

LINEUP STRENGTHS

There are no strengths in a league match. All players are USTA rated on level for the team as per league regulations. A team's lineup does not have to be listed in order of strength.

MATCH SCORING

The match winner will be determined by the team winning the majority of individual courts. Individual courts will play best 2 out of 3 sets with a Match tiebreak (first to 10 by 2) in lieu of the third set. All tiebreaks use the Coman format.

COURT SURFACE

The court surface on public facilities will be hard with the exception of Echo Farms which is soft. The surface at Private facilities will be soft. Brunswick Forest, Compass Pointe and Waterford have hard surface.

BALLS

HOME TEAM provides the balls for play. National Rule: 1.05 Official Ball: Clarifies that a standard Type 2 USTA approved ball must be used in USTA League matches and that any USTA "transition" ball is prohibited.

Extra Duty Felt balls are "ideal" for Hard Court Matches. Not required

Regular Duty Felt Balls are "ideal" for Soft Court Matches. Not required.

CLUBS AND SOME PUBLIC FACILITIES:

CHECK IN AT THE OFFICE BEFORE MATCHES. MANY FACILITIES HAVE THEIR OWN REQUIREMENTS FOR PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS.

. Please do not make any facilities guidelines a problem. We are there to play tennis all while staying healthy. We are SO Grateful for their generosity for court usage.

COURTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE MATCH TIME. Do not expect to get on early unless you are invited to do so by the Club Officials.

PLEASE NOTE: CLUBS HAVE RULES ABOUT WHAT TYPE OF BEVERAGES OR FOOD MAY BE BROUGHT ONTO THEIR PROPERTY. If it is confirmed that anyone on your team has brought alcohol to a private club, your team could receive a Grievance filed by the Local League Coordinator in conjunction with that Facility.

PLEASE RESPECT THEIR RULES!

-Due to NC Liquor Laws, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES are NOT allowed to be brought onto the Club premises. Purchases generally can be made at the Club.

PUBLIC FACILITY RULES

As guests of the tennis facilities in our area, it is vital that we abide by each site's rules.

Familiarize yourselves with the posted rules at these sites. Please play on the courts reserved for Leagues play, and please be polite to others at the courts. We cannot have League Tennis without the use of these sites. Courts will have signage indicating that the courts are RESERVED FOR LEAGUE PLAY. Most public facilities also have rules about alcohol. **Schools have a definite NO ALCOHOL on property rule.**

In the event that your court(s) have players on those courts, please be polite to those players. Wait on a good stopping point in their play and then tell them that your team has a scheduled match.

PLEASE DO NOT DEMAND ANYONE OFF THE COURTS! Do not get into a confrontation. If those players are not willing to leave, contact the League Coordinator. This particular court can be played at a later date or at another site if you can find an available court.

See additional information at the end of the regulations about facility specifics. All players are on advanced warning to follow facility guidelines.

CONTINUOUS PLAY AND REST PERIODS

After the first game of each set and during the tiebreak, play shall be continuous, and the players shall change ends without a rest period. All other changeovers within a set allow players a rest up to 90 seconds. At the conclusion of each set, there may be a break of a maximum of 120 seconds from the moment the ball goes out of play at the end of the game to the time the ball is struck for the first point of the next game (in the new set). **NO COACHING IS ALLOWED!**

BATHROOM BREAKS

Reasonable bathroom breaks are allowed at any time, but preferably should take place on an odd game changeover or between sets. If a bathroom facility is not available at a site, then a player may leave to go to the bathroom. No one should accompany a player but a partner or opponent.

COACHING

In the "tie-break in lieu of third set" format, NO COACHING is allowed at any time during the match.

NO ONE IS ALLOWED WITHIN THE FENCED COURT AREA EXCEPT THE PLAYERS WHO ARE "PLAYING" ON THAT COURT. When players finish their match, they should exit the court immediately after the match. **NO OUTSIDE "ADVICE" OF ANY KIND IS ALLOWED FROM ANYONE. THIS INCLUDES LINE CALLS AND HELP WITH SCORING.**

Please be sure your spectators are cheering for good points, and not against the other team

CELL PHONES

Cell phones are not permitted to be turned on during play. A player whose phone rings while a point is in progress will lose the point. The penalty is only enforced on the court of the cell phone owner. The use of cell phones is prohibited any time during the match. This includes changeovers and set breaks. This also includes texting.

DRESS CODE:

Each Facility may have their own rules for dress codes. To be sure that you are properly dressed for each facility, women should have with them a skirt that can cover any of the new sports leggings (now considered warm ups) just in case this is a requirement, and men should have a shirt with sleeves.

All players must wear PROPER ATTIRE during USTA League Matches. Shirts must be worn at all times. Women cross **trainers or any other non-traditional tennis shoes are NOT permitted on soft courts. A player may be**

asked by the Facility to change shoes or attire or not play if a club official deems the shoes or dress is inappropriate. Once the match has started, the player may change into the proper shoes and attire, however if that player does not have the appropriate shoes or dress available to finish the match, that match will be ruled a retirement. It is wise to make sure players have on proper shoes prior to starting a match, and a skirt or tennis shorts to cover any questionable tights. If the inappropriate attire is discovered during warm ups, substitution of players may be made (provided the first server did not begin).

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HOUSEKEEPING

Please remove all trash, ball containers, drinks, etc. from the site. Trash cans are available at all sites. Not only is this respectful to the next teams, but we must respect the property we have been so generously given to use in our League.

FAIR CALLS

In accordance with "THE CODE" and in reference to "Line Calls"; when in doubt as to whether a ball is out or good, the call is always made in favor of your opponent.

IF YOU "THINK" THE BALL IS OUT...THAT BALL IS GOOD!!!!

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SCOREKEEPING

After completion of the match, captains should verify scores to avoid disputes in score entry. Captains will enter scores on the *TennisLink* system. Either captain may enter the scores, but they must be entered and verified within 48 hours of match time. Matches not entered could result in a Double Default.

To post the score, go to *TennisLink* and on your page under Quick Links, click on "Record a Score" on the right side of the screen. Enter Match Number. Select players in each position. Follow the instructions given by *TennisLink*. Double-check scores and players' names.

To confirm scores, go to *TennisLink* and click on "Record a Score" on the right side of the screen. Enter Match Number. Review scores. Click "confirm", if accurate.

Click "dispute", if not accurate. **If not accurate, e- mail or call the other captain to discuss dispute, then both should e-mail the Local League Coordinator. Please give the match number when asking that scores be corrected.**

SCORES MAY BE ENTERED BY EITHER CAPTAIN AND MUST BE ENTERED WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT (48) HOURS OF THE SCHEDULED MATCH TIME, AND THE OTHER CAPTAIN WILL CONFIRM THE SCORES WITHIN (48) HOURS OF THE SCHEDULED MATCH TIME. If one team captain enters the scores and the other team captain does not verify or dispute within the 48 hours, then the scores will stand as originally entered. It is in your team's best interest to check all scores within the 48 hours. Players are advised to check their scores within the time. Ratings will be calculated weekly and correct scores are vital to the accuracy of the ratings.

The League Coordinator will assess postponed matches due to inclement weather. Weather-delayed matches must be completed within **ELEVEN (11)** days of the original date of the match.

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INCLEMENT WEATHER

INCLEMENT WEATHER By definition:

1) Inclement weather is precipitation before or at the time of the match that prevents courts being playable.

2) TEMPERATURE POLICY:

If Temperature or wind chill goes below 38 degrees (temperature at the Wilmington airport-National Weather Service); or the heat index is 95 degrees or greater, matches “may” be treated as a Make Up.

If both Teams choose, they may play in these conditions.

3) SEVERE WEATHER WARNINGS:

In the event a severe warning has been announced, teams do not have to go to play a match. This match may be treated as a makeup match.

A match may be postponed due to inclement weather. Captains will determine if the match needs to be postponed due to inclement weather. Captains should monitor the weather conditions up to “one-hour” before the match and make the decision at that time. (If the match is scheduled at a Club, the Club officials will determine if the courts are playable by their standards. In some cases this may be up to 30 minutes prior to match time).

Teams who must travel forty-five minutes or more (either way) to play a match should make the inclement weather call two hours prior to match time. If the courts are not playable two hours before the scheduled time, then make the decision at that time to NOT play the match. Unfortunately, there will be cases where the weather deteriorates after the team is in route. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO WORK WITH EACH OTHER IN THESE CASES.

INCLEMENT WEATHER MATCH MAKE-UP PROCEDURES: Once captains have agreed that court conditions are not playable, the match becomes a “Make-Up Match” and the following procedures occur: Captains will e-mail their lineup to the Rain Coordinator, Paula Sneed, at pjsneed@aol.com on the same day of the scheduled match. **PLAYERS’ PHONE NUMBERS & EMAIL ADDRESSES MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE LINEUP.** When the Rain Coordinator has received BOTH line-ups, she will send a copy to both captains. Upon receiving the lineups from the rain coordinator, Captains notify their players and the players make contact with the opponent within twenty-four hours to schedule the make-up. In order for this to go smoothly, players need to know their available times with them and their partners prior to contacting the other team. Please work together to find that date that works for all.

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SCORE ENTRY SHOULD BE NO LONGER THAN 11 DAYS FROM ORIGINAL DATE

All make up matches should have a date planned and scheduled within 48 hours of the original date of the match. **CAPTAINS MUST MAKE SURE THEIR PLAYERS ARE SCHEDULING THESE MATCHES.** The match scores should be entered on TennisLink within eleven (11) days of the original date.

Match Scores must be entered by or before the eleven days or the match becomes a double-forfeit. The Local League Coordinator will closely monitor the match entering. **(IN THE EVENT THAT YOUR TEAM IS PLAYING A TEAM THAT INCLUDES THE RAIN COORDINATOR, SEND YOUR LINE-UP TO THE LOCAL LEAGUE COORDINATOR)** (play10us@gmail.com).

Captains: **If you decide to exchange with each other, please notify the rain coordinator on the day of the match or she will expect to receive your lineup that day.** If you need help locating an available site for a whole match make-up contact the league coordinator.

CAPTAINS AND PLAYERS WHO DO NOT ABIDE BY THE MAKE UP PROCEDURES ARE SUBJECT TO A GRIEVANCE FILED BY THE LOCAL LEAGUE COORDINATOR AND THE ENTIRE MATCH COULD RESULT IN A MATCH FORFEIT.

To assure that these matches get made up, please substitute if needed. Lineups may not be switched around in a substitution situation. A substitute is someone who was not on the original line-up. If the make-up match is rained out, make every effort to play the match quickly and notify the Local League Coordinator that there has been a delay due to rain. If players involved cannot agree upon a makeup date, The Local League Coordinator will schedule the court.

*****Any team that does not show up for the assigned make-up date will lose by forfeit.*****

If the original match is in progress when the inclement weather begins, and conditions become unsafe (USE COMMON AND SMART SENSE), play stops. The same lineup must be kept and play is continued when conditions are favorable. The score should be agreed on and recorded by the players at the time the match is stopped. The same situations will begin when the play is made up even if in the middle of a game. **IN THIS SITUATION, PLAY MUST BE COMPLETED AND THE MATCH MADE UP WITHIN ELEVEN (11) DAYS OF THE ORIGINAL MATCH OR IT WILL BE SCORED A DOUBLE FORFEIT.** Please notify the Local League Coordinator if your match was in progress and stopped due to inclement weather.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE: In the event it starts to rain and only some courts have started play, then the line-up for the courts that have NOT started may change. In this case, the new line-up for the remaining courts must be submitted to the rain coordinator on the same day as the match. She will send this to each captain. Those players still must make up the match within the eleven-day period. The courts that had started will continue where they stopped when the rain began.

If players cannot agree on the surface for the make-up match, then the surface shall be the same as was originally scheduled. DO NOT LET THIS BECOME A PROBLEM FOR MAKE-UP. THE OBJECT IS TO "PLAY" THE MATCH AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

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Protocol for makeup matches that are rained out: If a makeup match was scheduled and it rains on that day or court conditions are not playable, the players involved should set the new makeup date within **nine days** of that date. With any makeup situation, please notify the LLC if players cannot agree on a date. She will set a date and place, and that will become the official date. Teams will then be forced to substitute or forfeit the court. This should always be the last resort.

IF IT IS AT THE END OF THE SEASON, AND THERE ARE NOT NINE DAYS BEFORE THE END DATE OF THE SEASON, THE MATCH MUST BE MADE UP BEFORE THE LAST DAY OF THE SEASON. CONTACT THE LEAGUE COORDINATOR IF A DATE CANNOT BE IMMEDIATELY DETERMINED.

RETIREMENTS

If a player(s) is unable to complete the match, scores are recorded at that point. However, the “non-retiring” player(s) receives the win. The score is entered as it ended and the win is scored a “retirement” in favor of the non-retiring player.

PROCEDURES IN THE EVENT OF A TIE AT THE END OF THE REGULAR SEASON.

In Local Leagues at the end of round robin play, if the season ends with a tie for first place, the tie shall be broken according to the following tiebreakers.

1. Winner of the most individual matches.
2. Winner of head-to-head match.
3. Loser of the fewest number of sets.
4. Loser of the fewest number of games.
5. Highest percentage of games won versus games played. (National Regulations)
6. Coin Toss-done locally

Tennislink automatically determines the winner using the above criteria for all matches.

GRIEVANCES

The procedures for filing a grievance are stated in the 2024 USTA LEAGUE TENNIS

REGULATIONS. National Regulations are found online etc. **National Regulations state that the Captain must file the Grievance.**

Since 2022, USTA League Suspension Point System is in place.

There is a \$100.00 Filing Fee for any grievance filed in the South East Tennis League. This fee, in the form of a cash payment, money order or official check made payable to GWTA, must be presented at the same time the Grievance Complaint is given to the Local League Coordinator. *If the Grievance Complaint is upheld through the entire process (including the Appeal Process), the fee will be refunded.*

AT THE DIRECTION OF THE STATE LEAGUE COORDINATOR, THE LOCAL LEAGUE COORDINATOR MAY FILE A GRIEVANCE AGAINST A PLAYER OR TEAM. A GRIEVANCE FILED BY THE LLC WILL BE HEARD ON THE STATE LEVEL.

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PROFANITY AND UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR

All players are under an official warning in reference to Unsportsmanlike Behavior. The South East Tennis League will uphold a non-tolerance policy of unsportsmanlike behavior of any kind. Profanity **WILL NOT** be tolerated in USTA League play! General behavior on the court and to the opponents is expected to be sportsmanlike at all times. Players who abuse these rules will suffer a penalty. Opponents may file an official grievance against such player. Disqualification for further play in the League Season may be enforced if the Grievance Committee finds the complaint to be valid. This is a recreational league. Players should abide by the rules of tennis as stated in "THE CODE". (A copy of "THE CODE" can be found in the NCTA website (nctennis.com). "THE CODE" is the players' guide for un-officiated play. It is a good idea for each player to keep a copy of "THE CODE" and the Local League Regulations in his or her tennis bags.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

If the first place team from a local league cannot attend the State Championships, the second place team from that local league's particular NTRP level will be asked to represent the local league. If the second place team is unable to attend, the Local League Coordinator must contact the NC Adult League Coordinator to discuss the possibility of a lower finishing team attending in its place.

The below rule is typically used during Mixed and Combo Doubles more than any other league season. **PLEASE LET YOUR OPPONENTS KNOW EARLY!!!!**

STATE & SECTIONAL & NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS CONFLICTS- RESCHEDULING MATCHES

- A. If a team has 4 or more players on a roster (3 for Singles League matches) who are playing or working at a League Championship at either the North Carolina State, Southern Section or National Levels and have a team match in conflict with these events, then the team can reschedule the match either by playing before the scheduled date or within 2 weeks after the scheduled match (as long as the makeup match occurs within the league season dates). The Captain of the team with the conflict must notify the opposing team captain and LLC of the conflict no later than 1 week before the scheduled match and work with both parties to reschedule the match within the above- mentioned timeframe. *Local Leagues may add a requirement that teams represent their local league to reschedule local matches and/or Local League Playoff matches. *This rule will apply only if the team is from the South East Tennis League. The above rule also applies to Carolina Cup Participation. LLC must be notified in advance. **GOOD LUCK!!!**

MATCHES NEEDED TO PLAY AT STATE OR SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP:

USTA LEAGUE ADULT 18 & OVER; 40 & OVER, 55 & OVER:	2	1 DEFAULT MAY COUNT
USTA LEAGUE ADULT 65 & OVER:	1	1 DEFAULT MAY COUNT
USTA MIXED LEAGUE 18 & OVER; 40 & OVER	2	1 DEFAULT MAY COUNT
USTA MIXED LEAGUE 55 & OVER; 65 & OVER	1	1 DEFAULT MAY COUNT
SOUTHERN COMBO DOUBLES	1	1 DEFAULT MAY COUNT
NCTA SINGLES LEAGUE	1	1 DEFAULT MAY COUNT
USTA SOUTHERN TRI-LEVEL	1	1 DEFAULT MAY COUNT

- NC Regulation: USTA Adult League 65 & Over teams are permitted to advance directly to state championships if they are the only local team
- NC Regulation: USTA Mixed Doubles League 55 & Over and 65 & Over teams are permitted to advance directly to state championships if they are the only local team.

TEAM MATCHES AT THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP WILL CONSIST OF:

USTA LEAGUE ADULT 18 & OVER;	2 SINGLES; 3 DOUBLES
USTA LEAGUE ADULT 18 & OVER 2.0; 2.5, 5.0 & 5.5	1 SINGLES; 2 DOUBLES
USTA LEAGUE ADULT 40 & OVER	1 SINGLES; 3 DOUBLES
USTA LEAGUE ADULT 40 & OVER 2.5 (if offered)	3 DOUBLES
USTA LEAGUE 55 & OVER; 65 & OVER	3 DOUBLES
USTA LEAGUE MIXED DOUBLES	3 DOUBLES
SOUTHERN COMBO DOUBLES	3 DOUBLES
NCTA SINGLES LEAGUE	3 SINGLES
TRI-LEVEL	3 DOUBLES

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GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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Beverly Blalock	Linda Mudaro
Robert Matthews	Jill Watson
Lisa Hepler	Joe Meissner
Cheryl Matsche	Ken Myers
Dave Eggerding	Gregor Kysely
David Sechrist	Ginger Wessell

GRIEVANCE APPEAL COMMITTEE:

A committee will be selected from at least three people list below. None of those selected will have involvement with any of the parties of the Grievance or the Grievance Committee.

Ronnie Weppler
Dan Shumway

Charles Meier
Kelly Strickland

Rodney Payne
Kathy Epperly

Mike Koppenhafer

Karl Kemper

Ann Weaver

Jackie Travagliante

Janet Adams

Dee Schmid

If additional people are needed to be assured there are no conflicts of interest, people other than those listed will be requested. If a local committee cannot be determined based on conflict of interest, a committee will be selected under the guidance of the State Adult League Committee and the North Carolina Director of Adult League Tennis.

As always, we hope you will MAKE IT FUN! and MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

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