



## **2016 Greater Indianapolis**

### **USTA League Local Rules**

Revised **10/9/2015** All USTA League Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL shall apply to all USTA League divisions.

#### **1.02 Governance**

The 2016 Indianapolis Local Rules, the current USTA/MIDWEST SECTION USTA LEAGUE STANDING ORDERS, and the 2016 USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS shall apply to the 2016 Greater Indianapolis USTA LEAGUE PROGRAM. The RULES OF TENNIS and TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS as contained in the current USTA Yearbook shall apply to all matches played in the 2016 Indianapolis Local USTA LEAGUE PROGRAM, except as modified herein. In all matches played without officials, the USTA official publication THE CODE shall be observed.

#### **1.04B(1)a USTA League Committees**

1. Any USTA League in Central Indiana shall be governed by the Central Indiana League Committee. The chair is appointed by the President of the Central Indiana Tennis Association (CITA), and the members are appointed by the chair with the approval of the district President. The Central Indiana League Committee is subject to the control and direction of the CITA Board of Directors.
2. The Indianapolis local league shall be governed by the Indianapolis League Committee. The chair is appointed by the President of the Central Indiana Tennis Association (CITA), and the members are appointed by the chair with the approval of the district President. The Indianapolis League Committee is subject to the control and direction of the CITA Board of Directors.

#### **1.04B(4) Team Captain**

- a. Each team shall have a designated captain at all matches.
- b. Exchange team match cards simultaneously prior to the beginning of the match.
- c. Report match results within 48 hours of the end of a match.
- d. Court Cancellation Policy
  1. All defaulting teams (whether individual court or whole team) must notify the host club, opponent, and League Coordinator a minimum of 24 hours in advance of a default **by e-mail** or will be required to pay for the

court time for the defaulted match. This is true for all clubs with the capability of housing indoor matches REGARDLESS of season (i.e. winter, summer, fall).

2. Teams, regardless of circumstance, that do not satisfy the minimum 24 hour notice requirement will be given 30 days from the scheduled date of the match to remunerate the club or face further penalties at the discretion of the Indianapolis League Committee.

**Both Captains are responsible for reporting and/or confirming the reported scores.** Failure to report scores may result in a team default.

#### **1.04B(6) Eligibility of Clubs and USTA League Divisions**

All new and existing USTA organizational members including both public and private clubs are eligible to join the USTA League program.

#### **1.04D(3) Local League Season**

##### **1. Fees**

During the Summer 2016 USTA League season, court time is included in the Registration Fee. During the Combo & Winter 2016 League seasons, court fees are to be paid to the indoor facility by the individual player prior to the match.

a. Each player is responsible for paying a registration fee when registering for the team in TennisLink at a rate determined by the CITA Board of Directors.

b. Each player is responsible for paying any predetermined court fees as directed by the CITA Board of Directors

##### **2. Flights**

Each local level of competition shall consist of flights, if necessary, in order to complete the number of matches required. A flight must have at least 6 teams before another flight at that same level can be created.

##### **3. Application for Team Entry**

a. Application for entry into the USTA League program may be obtained by contacting the local USTA League coordinator.

b. Team Entry applications received after the ENTRY DEADLINE DATE will be accepted at the discretion of the Local League Committee.

##### **4. Refunds**

a. No individual player registration fees will be refunded after the minimum player registration deadline has passed for each season.

b. Individual registration fees will only be refunded at the end of the season if the following criteria are met:

1. The refund request is submitted on the CITA Refund Request Form.
2. The player is ill or injured. Documentation from the attending physician must be submitted for the refund to be processed.
3. The player moved outside of the Central Indiana District and can no longer play in the league for which he/she registered. Proof of the new address must be submitted for the refund to be processed (utility bill, property tax bill, etc.)
4. Other requests may be granted at the discretion of the League Committee by majority vote.

## **5. Awards**

- a. Playoff, District, and State Championship awards are provided by CITA for the minimum number of team members plus 4 for Local Playoffs and plus 2 for District and State. Additional awards may be purchased at the team's expense.

## **6. Court Assignments**

All individual matches of each team match should be played on the same type of surface. Clubs may assign individual matches of each team match to be played on different types of surfaces ONLY IF it is impossible to do otherwise. In such cases, court assignments shall be made as follows:

- a. Four courts of same surface: All singles, #1 and #2 doubles matches.
- b. Three courts of same surface: all doubles matches.

## **7. Visiting Team**

The visiting team captain may contact the home team captain or home team club to determine the type of surface on which the match will be played. The type of surface may NOT be changed within seven (7) days of the match.

## **8. Warm-Up Periods**

- a. Ten minutes is the designated warm-up time at the scheduled start of the match.
- b. Players arriving between five and fifteen minutes after the scheduled start, receive a five minute warm-up.
- c. Players arriving later than fifteen minutes from the scheduled start of the match may be defaulted at the discretion of the opposing captain/team.

## 9. Line-ups

At the start of the scheduled match time, a team may refuse to exchange line-ups until all players are present or the ten minute warm-up period ends. If a player is not present by the end of the warm-up period, line-ups must be exchanged. At that time, any players that are not present must be assigned to courts as expected in accordance with the default guidelines from the Indianapolis Local League Rules.

On the other hand if teams exchange line-ups with players absent, they are doing so in good faith that the missing players will show and play on the courts as listed. In these cases if someone ultimately does not show, a default may occur outside of the guidelines previously referenced.

## 10. Defaults

**A default is incurred if a player arrives later than 15 minutes from the scheduled start of the match.**

Defaults shall be determined in accordance with the following:

a. For 5-court matches:

1. One player absent: default #2 singles or #3 doubles
2. Two players absent: default #1 and #2 singles or #3 doubles
3. Three players absent: default #2 singles and #3 doubles or #2 and #3 doubles
4. Four players absent: default #2 and #3 doubles.

b. For 3-court matches (1 singles, 2 doubles):

1. One player absent: default singles or #2 doubles
2. Two players absent: default #2 doubles

c. For 3-court matches (3 doubles courts):

1. One or two players absent: default #3 doubles.

If a team defaults incorrectly, both courts will be scored as defaults for the violating team. For example, if a team defaults the #2 doubles position when they should have defaulted the #3 doubles position, both the #2 and #3 doubles positions will be scored as defaults.

## 11. Time

**Revised** The beginning of a match shall be defined as the first point served in the individual match. Indianapolis Local League matches will use a two (2) hour time limit for Winter and Combo matches which includes the ten minute warm-up. Playing time will be one hour and fifty

minutes. Summer matches will not have a time limit, unless a match is played indoors and the facility cannot extend court time beyond the reserved 2 hours. If this is the case, the captains should agree **prior** to play either to finish the courts at a later time or play the matches as timed. If no agreement is made, the matches will be played as untimed.

## 12. Calling "Time"

**For matches restricted to a two (2) hour time limit, time should be called 15 minutes prior to the scheduled end of play** (i.e. Time would be called at 7:45 p.m. for a match that began at 6:00 p.m. and was scheduled to be completed by 8:00 p.m.)\*

In timed matches, if the match has not been completed when "time" is called, the following procedures shall be used:

- a. All completed points stand as played.
- b. The game in progress shall be completed.
- c. If the set is incomplete (but not tied):
  1. The winner of that set shall be determined by the greatest number of games won in that set provided that a two game margin exists.
  2. If a two game margin does not exist, one more game shall be played.
- d. If the score in the set is tied (or becomes tied as in b above), then a set tie-break (first to seven points by a margin of two points) shall be played to determine the winner of the set.
- e. If sets are one all, then a match tie-break (first to 10 by a margin of two points) shall be played to determine the winner of the individual match.
- f. Record the scores in TennisLink as they stand (i.e. Team A defeated Team B 6-2, 5-3 or Team A defeated Team B 3-6, 4-1, 1-0; use "Timed" to designate the match status.)

## 13. Rescheduling

- a. Matches shall be rescheduled at the original site whenever possible.
- NEW** b. In the event of a delay or postponement due to weather, the scheduled match must be completed before the end of the local league season. Teams will be given two weeks to arrange a reschedule at a time of mutual convenience. If teams fail to come to an agreement, the Adult League Committee will determine the time and location of the reschedule. The league coordinator should be informed by e-mail of the new match time and location.
- NEW** c. If matches are not rescheduled, a double default will be recorded in TennisLink.
- NEW** d. Captains may ask an opponent to reschedule a court or courts due to other

circumstances as needed; however, the captain receiving the request may refuse within the limits defined by Indianapolis League Rule 15.

#### **14. Rain/Inclement Weather**

- a. Both captains shall agree as to whether existing weather conditions are suitable for play.
- b. If play *has not* begun:
  1. The home team captain shall contact the visiting captain to advise him/her of weather conditions.
  2. If the visiting captain has not been otherwise notified by the home team Captain, then the former shall arrive at the designated site with his/her team and be prepared to play the match.
  3. If both captains agree that weather conditions do not permit the match to be played, the match must be re-scheduled. Both captains must agree on the new match time and place. Rescheduled matches shall be played at the original site whenever possible. However, if an alternate location is available on the scheduled date, teams are encouraged to play at the alternate location as a first option.
- c. If play *has* begun:
  1. All completed matches shall stand as played.
  2. Matches in progress shall be stopped, the current score recorded.
  3. Matches will resume at the point when the delay occurred.

#### **15. Total Team Default Rule**

Every effort should be made to play a match at its regularly scheduled time and place as listed on TennisLink. If a team defaults an entire team match for any reason during round robin play, the matches of that team played or to be played, shall be null or void.

**Revised** a. If a team is unable to field the minimum number of courts necessary to constitute a valid match and requests the opposing team's captain to reschedule said match, the match must be rescheduled; **HOWEVER**, the team receiving the request may choose to only allow the minimum number of courts necessary to constitute a valid match to be played. The team requesting the reschedule will default the additional courts (2 courts in a 5 court match, 1 court in a 3 court match) to the opposing team. **Further, the team that was requested to reschedule will establish the courts to be played under the guidance of the Adult League Committee.** The league coordinator should be informed of the situation at the time of the reschedule request by e-mail.

#### **16. Impersonating Players**

Willful impersonation of a registered league player will result in the disqualification of the entire match for the guilty team. A second such occurrence will disqualify the responsible team for the balance of the season; overturning all previously played matches as defaults.

#### **17. Falsification of League Match Scores**

a. If, by the grievance process, any person has been found to have knowingly or intentionally falsified information of a material nature in reporting match results/scores, that person will be suspended from all USTA Leagues, CITA Tournaments, and other CITA events for a minimum of one year. The suspension will begin from the date of the Grievance Committee or Grievance Appeal Committee's final decision.

b. Results of grievance processes will be subject to full disclosure with reports on the results filed in the CITA office and available to USTA members.

#### **18. Playoffs**

Reimbursement of team fees and provision of stipend to an advancing team as related to a team advancing through USTA Adult League playoffs shall be as follows:

a. Team Registration Fee Reimbursement: This reimbursement is applicable to USTA Midwest Sectional and USTA National events. The advancing team will be responsible for payment of the team fee charged by USTA Midwest. CITA will reimburse team fees after the advancing team has fulfilled their obligation to field and play a legal team per USTA rules and regulations in every match in the event. Once the event is concluded, the Captain of the advancing team shall submit a statement that the team fulfilled its obligation as stated above along with a copy of the payment made to USTA Midwest or USTA National, as applicable. The DLC will confirm compliance with the team's fulfillment of their obligation. CITA will reimburse thereafter.

i. With respect to the USTA National event, only. Starting in 2015 USTA will charge on a per person amount playing versus a team fee. CITA will reimburse for the event as follows:

1. 5 court/8 player league: Reimburse for entry fee up to 12 players
2. 3 court/6 player league: Reimburse for entry fee up to 9 players
3. 3 court/5 players: Reimburse for entry fee up to 8 players
4. Tri-Level: Reimburse for entry fee up to 9 players

b. Stipend: This reimbursement is in addition to the team fee paid to the organizing entity and is applicable to a USTA National event, only. No stipend will be provided for Tri-Level.

1. Stipend to be \$250 per team (except Tri-Level) and reimbursed after the advancing team has fulfilled their obligation to field and play a legal team per USTA rules and regulations in every match in the event.

2. Once the event is concluded, the DLC will confirm compliance with the team's fulfillment of their obligation. CITA will provide the stated stipend thereafter.

#### **1.04D(5)a Team**

- a. The home team shall be the first team listed on the match schedule.
- b. The home team shall be required to provide:
  1. Courts
  2. Designated clock
  3. One new can of USTA approved yellow tennis balls per individual match provided to the team at the beginning of the season.
- c. In timed matches, it shall be the responsibility of the Home Team Captain to declare "Time".

#### **2.00 USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS 2.01C Competition Format**

##### **2.01C(3) Match Scoring and Rests.**

The match tie-break in lieu of the third set will be used.

- a. Regular scoring will be used.
- b. The Coman tie-break procedure will be used in all set tie-breaks (first to seven points by a margin of two points) and all match tie-breaks (first to 10 points by a margin of two points). The Coman tie-break procedure is the same as the present procedure except that ends are changed after the first point, then after every four points. Ends are still changed at the conclusion of the tie-break.

##### **2.02A(3)**

If the winning team at any level of competition is unable to compete further towards the next level of championships, then the appropriate league coordinator may select the second place team for such further competition.

#### **3.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

**All USTA League Regulations in 3.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES shall apply to all USTA League divisions.**

##### **3.02F**

In the event of extenuating circumstances, an appeal of an Indianapolis Local League rule can be



made to the Central Indiana League Committee. The DLC has no authority to appeal or change rules only to implement as does the SLC.

### **3.03 GRIEVANCE COMPLAINTS**

Grievances shall be processed according to procedures specified in the current USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS.

#### **3.03B Local League Procedures.**

**3.03B(1)a** A \$100.00 fee must accompany each grievance submitted in order for the grievance to be considered. If the grievance is upheld, the fee will be refunded. If the grievance is denied, the fee will be put into the league general fund.

**3.03E(6) NTRP Grievance(s) must be sent to the USTA/Midwest Section USTA League Coordinator for process.** A fee of \$50.00 prior to July 15, and after July 15, a \$100.00 fee paid by credit card must accompany each NTRP Grievance to be considered. If the grievance is upheld, the fee will be refunded.

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**3.04A(1)a:** An appeal of the decision by the Grievance Committee may be filed in writing with the Grievance Appeal Committee within three (3) calendar days of receipt of the Grievance Committee's decision. If local league play has ended, the appeal must be filed within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the Grievance Committee's decision.

### **Section 4 .00 ADDITIONAL RULES AND REGULATION APPLICABLE TO USTA LEAGUES ADULT 18 & OVER, ADULT 40 & OVER, ADULT 55 & OVER, MIXED 18 & OVER AND MIXED 40 & OVER, COMBO AND TRI-LEVEL IN THE USTA/MIDWEST SECTION.**

**Revised Tri-Level Leagues in Indianapolis:** When decided by the Adult League Committee, teams will be decided by an open draft process whereby all players enter into one pool from which all captains choose or are randomly selected. Players may indicate a preferred partner so as to enter the draft as a pair.

Participants may indicate a desire to captain when entering. The Indianapolis League Committee will choose from the volunteers the captains for a season.

Draft Order: Determination of Draft Order will be by blind draw. The Draft will be a "snaking" draft. In other words, if 4 teams, the Draft Order would be:

Round 1: Team 1, Team 2, Team 3, Team 4

Round 2: Team 4, Team 3, Team 2, Team 1

Round 3: Team 1, Team 2, Team 3, Team 4...and so on.

Opening round: Captains either come with a partner or select a second teammate from Draft List.

Round 1+ [The + is for as many rounds as there remains a "pair" on the board]: If a pair has signed up together, a captain may select a pair or two individuals in a round.