

Sportsmanship

I recognize that tennis is a sport that places the responsibility for fair play on me. I promise to abide by the rules of the game, which require me to give the benefit of the doubt to my opponent. At all times, I shall strive to compete with the true spirit of sportsmanship, recognizing that my behavior on the court is a direct reflection of my character. Whether this match ends with my victory or defeat, I promise to conduct myself in a way that honors my opponents, my team, those who support me, and the game of tennis.

Promoting the Spirit of the Game

- Make sure you know the rules:
 - Defaulting courts, defaulting matches.
 - Forfeiting courts: a card laid is a card played.
 - Rescheduling courts.
 - Rain delays, scheduling courts.
 - When in doubt, call Toby.
- Handling disagreements on the court, encouraging your players to take the high road.
- Respect, i.e. difference between supporting your team and cheering when other team loses a point.
- Address poor sportsmanship with your players when you see it.

Captaining a Match

- Bring written scoresheets to every match with lineups, exchange at start of match, compare afterwards.
 - Make sure your players know the lineup.
 - If you are not there, designate a team “captain on the court.”
- Communicate with the other team captain to confirm the match and find out about restrooms, water, etc.
 - Let your players know about the conditions.
 - If you have to default a court, let the other team know in time, especially if they are travelling.
- Make sure all players know basic rules regarding double bounces, line calls, disagreements on the score, Komen tiebreak, etc.
- Timed match: confirm before play starts.
- Know late arrival rules, work with the other team.

Year-round Court Cancellation Policy

Unused court time must be canceled at least 24 hours in advance, otherwise it is the defaulting team's responsibility to pay for the courts.

Summer court cost: \$20 per court

Amount saved in 2018: \$9640

Amount saved 2012-2018: \$78280

Cost for summer registration, 2012-2019: \$49.50

Rescheduling Rules

Indianapolis Rule 13d – If you can field the minimum number of courts to constitute a valid match, DON'T ASK.

If unable to field the valid minimum, Indianapolis Rule 15a requires the opposing team to work with you to get the minimum played UNLESS your team is willing to default its entire season.

Rescheduling Process

- Communicate with the opposing captain sooner than later.
- Be specific about what your team is able to do. (I.E.: If the match moves times, will you field courts – which ones?)
- If a match has started, do not leave the courts without a plan.
- Email all changes to the league coordinator.

NTRP Rating Process

- Each Adult 18 & Over, 40 & Over, and 55 & Over match generates a dynamic rating.
- If a self-rated or player on appeal generates 3 dynamic ratings considered grossly out of level, the player is DQ'd.
- All matches for a DQ'd player are reversed.
- The coordinator is only notified after the 3rd strike by USTA Midwest.
- No appeals are allowed if all scores are correct.
- 9 DQs & 9 Promotions in 2018.

NTRP Rating Example

- Scenario: Computer rated 3.28 player vs. Self-rate
 - Final score: 10 games all
 - Outcome: Duh! Self-rate is given a 3.28.
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- Final score: 12 games 3.28 player, less games Self-rate
 - Outcome: Self-rate will be rated lower than 3.28.
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- Final score: 2 games 3.28, 12 games Self-rate
 - Outcome: Self-rate will be rated higher than 3.28 – potentially will receive a strike.

NTRP Doubles Rating Example

- Scenario: Two computer 3.0 rated players ($2.91 + 2.93$) vs. a computer rated player and a self-rate ($2.57 + ?$)
- Equal number of games won.
- Resulting consequence: $5.84 - 2.57 = 3.27$ (STRIKE!)
- Scenario: $2.91 + 2.93$ vs. $2.87 + ?$
- Resulting consequence: $5.84 - 2.87 = 2.97$ (No Worries.)

Official Observations

What all players should know on court

Mark Branaman – certified USTA official

Match Day Musts

1. Someone must be assigned to exchange line-ups/record scores.

*Email opposing captain prior to the match with contact information if an alternate is handling the day's decisions.

2. Line-ups should be written down. Use the names as listed on TennisLink. Exchange simultaneously.

3. If inside, determine prior to the start of play if the match will follow the timed rules.

Default Policy

Players have 15 minutes from the scheduled start of play to arrive without penalty. (EX: 6:00 – 6:15, 6:30 – 6:45, etc...)

Players arriving during this time get at least a 5 minute warm-up.

The opposing captain may choose to take a default for any player arriving after this time. No other penalties exist.

Captains Celebration

Sunday, September 15

1:00 – 4:00

Broadmoor County Club

Tennis, Barbecue, Captains Recognition Program Awards

Captains Recognition Program

Created to recognize each captains length of service to USTA Central Indiana

Tiered Levels of Awards

Length of Service	Potential Award
0 – 4 years	annual captains gift
5 – 9 years	hat, visor, tumbler or duffel bag
10 – 14 years	cooler, blanket or folding chair
15+ years	jacket, pullover, or hoodie