



TAG TEAM TENNIS RULES

NTRP Levels Offered: Only 3.5/7.0 will be offered.

Format: Each match will consist of five short-form matches (Men's & Women's Doubles, Men's & Women's Singles, and Mixed Doubles) played on two courts at a time.

Roster Requirements: Each team must have two women and two men signed up at the time of the registration deadline.

Ratings: Singles courts will be played at-level. For all Doubles courts, the combined NTRP ratings of both players cannot exceed the "D-level" of the league, and not more than 1.0 rating points below the "D-level." Furthermore, the difference in the two players NTRP levels cannot be greater than 1.0.

Scheduling: All matches will be played on Saturdays during the Summer Session.

Advancement: There will be no advancement for this league.

Match Order: Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Men's Singles, Women's singles, Mixed.

Game Scoring: The scoring is **NO-AD**. This means a game is won by the first team to win four points (1, 2, 3, game). When the game score is deuce (3-3) (game point), the receiving team chooses which side is to receive the serve. In the mixed doubles set, the serve must be gender to gender at game point.

Set Scoring: Each no-ad set is won by the first team to reach six games. A **NINE-POINT TIEBREAKER** will be played at **FIVE GAMES ALL** in any set.

Match Scoring and Overtime: A match consists of five no-ad sets and includes one set of men's and women's singles and doubles, and one set of mixed doubles. The entire line-up should be recorded on the scorecard prior to the match beginning. Winning teams are determined by the team that has won the most **GAMES**. After the mixed doubles set is finished and scores are recorded and totaled, the procedure is as follows:

- If the leading team won set number five, the match is over.
- If the trailing team won set number five, the match continues into overtime until the leading team wins one game or until the score is tied. If a tie occurs, a Supertiebreaker will be played to determine the winner.
- If the overall score ends tied, a Supertiebreaker will be played to determine the winner.
Overtime is a continuation of the fifth set. Once you have come out of the mixed doubles set, you cannot return in overtime. The first person to serve in overtime is the person who was next to serve at the end of the fifth set. This overtime rule gives the trailing team a chance to make a comeback. It also emphasizes the importance of the mixed doubles set.

Substitutions: A team can at any point, **INCLUDING THE SUPERTIEBREAKER**, substitute a player (same gender) into a set for any reason. Once a player is replaced, he/she cannot return in that set. If a substitution occurs in doubles, the remaining player cannot change the side on which he/she receives or the service order. Substitutions are allowed in overtime if a player has not already played in mixed

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doubles. The Supertiebreaker should be treated as a new set, and all substitutions are allowed. Substitutes are not allowed in warm-up time.

Warm-Up Time: All players are allowed a **FIVE-MINUTE** warm-up. All team members are encouraged to warm-up during this time. Once play has begun, a three-minute warm-up is allowed between sets. This must be adhered to so that all sets will be completed in the time allotted.

Service Order: The home team serves first in all doubles sets. The away team serves first in the singles sets. In the fifth set the away team serves first. Note: Since the serving order is predetermined, the receiving team selects from which end of the court they want to receive.

Changing Ends: After every four games players change ends. In the nine-point tiebreaker, change ends only after the first four points. In the Supertiebreaker, change ends only after the first six points.

Service Lets: Service lets will be played in accordance with the standard USTA Tennis Rules and Regulations.

Coaching/Line Calls: Coaching is allowed throughout the match as long as it does not interfere with continuous play. We encourage team members to stand along the court and support their team. Only the two players (singles) or four players (doubles and mixed doubles) can make the line calls. Team members along or near the court cannot make the line calls.

Tiebreakers:

- **Nine-Point Tiebreaker:** A nine-point tiebreaker will be played at five games all in any set. The person who is to serve next begins the tiebreaker. Each player serves two points in succession starting from the deuce court. Players change sides after four points. The first team (or person) to score five points wins the tiebreaker. If the tiebreaker reaches 4-4, the person who served the eighth point serves the ninth (final) point. The receiver, however, has the choice of sides (except in mixed doubles, where the service must be gender-to-gender). The winner of the ninth point is the winner of the set. Note: You do not have to win by two points.
- **Supertiebreaker:** If the match enters into a Supertiebreaker, a coin toss will decide which team serves first/receives or chooses side in the Supertiebreaker. The Supertiebreaker should be treated as a new set and substitutions are allowed. Either player on the serving team may serve first. The receiving team selects from which end of the court they want to receive. In addition, court positions may be changed (i.e. the person who played forehand position may switch with his/her partner to play the backhand position). Each player serves two points in succession starting from the deuce court. Players change sides after six points. The first team to score seven points wins the Supertiebreaker. If the Supertiebreaker reaches 6-6, the person who served the 12th point will serve the 13th (final) point. Since this set is mixed doubles, the final serve will be gender-to-gender. The winner of the 13th point wins the Supertiebreaker and the match. Note: You do not have to win by two points. The Supertiebreaker counts as one game in overall match scoring.