

USTA Central Arizona

2010 Local League Rules

I. TEAMS AND PLAYERS

- A. All team members must be or become members of the USTA. All players must register online using TennisLink. The local league fee is currently \$25.00 per player per session. This fee may be changed at any time by the USTA Central Arizona Board of Directors.
- B. A player may participate in only one court position per team match. A player may participate on more than one league team per session. Players may not play on two teams at the same level in the same league.
- C. Any required court and/or guest fees for visiting participating players must be paid by the home team.
- D. There is a maximum of 18 players on an adult, mixed, senior and super senior teams. There is a maximum of 12 players for the Tri-Level Teams. Players may be added to a team until the second to the last match for the session.
- E. A player must play in at least 2 matches during the local league session to be eligible for the USTA Central Arizona District Championships. A win by default or forfeit will count as a match played. Only one forfeit can count towards the two required matches.

II. CAPTAINS

- A. Each team must have a captain or acting captain present at the beginning of every match with a team lineup and scorecard. Both captains or acting captains must sign the scorecards. The winning team captain must record the scores in TennisLink within 48 hours after the completion of the match. The opposing team will be responsible for verifying the scores within 48 hours. Any disputed matches must be immediately reported to the Adult League Coordinator.
- B. If there are situations that cannot be resolved by the team captains within the rules, the league coordinator should be contacted.
- C. Team Captains must declare which team roster they will advance if multiple league sessions are won.

III. MATCHES

- A. All matches will be the best 2 out of 3 sets using regular scoring and a set tiebreak (first to 7 by 2) at six-games all in each set. In the event of split sets, a

match tiebreak (first to 10 by 2) in lieu of a third set shall be played immediately following the two-minute end-of-rest period. **The Coman tiebreak procedure will be used for all tiebreaks.**

- B. In cases not specifically covered by these rules, USTA Rules will govern play. Also, "Rules of Tennis and Cases and Decisions" and "The Code" as a handbook of ethics and fair play should be understood and followed by every player. "The Code", "Rules of Tennis and Cases and Decisions", should be available for consultation along with league rules at all matches.
- C. **Each team must reserve and guarantee their home courts for all team matches.** Home teams may play their matches at another location if their home site is not available. Teams may stagger start times. In the case of staggered start times, the visiting team decides which matches will be played at the earlier time. The visiting team captain will give the home team at least 24 hours notice of their decision and must have confirmation that the home captain has received this notice. Line-ups will be exchanged at the respective start times. For example, the line-up for the 6:00 pm matches will be exchanged at 6:00 pm and the line-up for the 7:30 pm matches will be exchanged at 7:30 pm. If unforeseen circumstances prevent the continuation of a match, such as the lights going out or rain, the match or matches must be completed within 7 days. Contact the Local League Coordinator when the continuation of a match is necessary.
- D. The 15-minute default rule is in effect for all scheduled matches. A defaulted match is scored as one point for the opposing team. Adult teams may default a maximum of 2 positions in the match, Mixed, Senior and Super Senior may default 1 position without defaulting the entire match. When a match is defaulted, it must be the lowest position of either singles if the singles match is defaulted or the lowest doubles position if a doubles match is defaulted.
- E. The home team must furnish unopened cans of USTA approved yellow balls for each court. The match will be played using the balls opened by the home team.
- F. Warm-up is limited to 10 minutes, including all practice serves.
- G. Coaching is illegal. Teammates, spectators, or coaches may not volunteer advice on line calls, scoring, or on the conduct of a match. It is *each captain's* responsibility to control his or her spectators' conduct during match play.

IV. PENALTIES AND FORFEITURES

- A. Any player NTRP protest or grievance must be submitted to the Section League Coordinators office in writing or by email with 5 days of the scheduled match being protested. Players with a computer generated NTRP rating are not subject to protest or grievances.
- B. Any other protest or grievance must be submitted to the Local League Coordinators office in writing or by email within 5 days of the scheduled match being protested.

- C. If a team defaults an entire team match for any reason during round robin play, then all matches of that team played or to be played will be null and void. If all teams in contention for the Championship have already played the defaulting team in good faith, the matches stand as played.
- D. Any person playing under an assumed name or any person having knowledge of such act, and failing to report said act to the Local League Coordinator in a timely manner, will be suspended.

V. INCLEMENT WEATHER

- A. In the event of rain, completed individual matches will stand as played. Incomplete matches must be resumed by the same players at the exact set, game and point as they stood when halted. Line-ups for matches not started may be changed.
- B. If the match is delayed or interrupted by rain or wet courts, teams should be prepared to wait one hour to determine if the courts are playable. Any one of the four players scheduled to play the match may determine that courts are not dry enough for safe play, but his or her partner must be at court side for the determination to be made. If courts are still not playable after one hour has elapsed, teams are free to leave and reschedule unless both teams agree to wait longer.
- C. Rained out matches must be made up within a period of 14 days. Once teams agree on a rescheduled date they are committed to play on that date, unless rain occurs again. Both captains must agree on the make-up match dates and times. Individual matches do not have to be played at the same time. Both captains must contact the League Coordinator when a match is rained out or re-scheduled.
- D. If the captains cannot agree on a time to reschedule the match, the home captain must notify the League Coordinator immediately. The League Coordinator will set a date and time for the match to be played. If one team cannot play, they will forfeit the match.

VI. USTA CENTRAL ARIZONA DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

- A. The USTA Central Arizona District Championship will be played at a site and date that will be determined by the USTA Central Arizona. USTA Central Arizona will provide the cost of tennis balls and court fees.

VII. AWARDS

- A. District Champions will receive 10 awards per team provided by Central Arizona for the Adult teams. Mixed, Tri-Level, Senior and Super Senior will receive 8 awards. Additional awards can be ordered and purchased at the USTA Central Arizona office.