

CDTA USTA League Winter Season News



Congratulations to our WINTER TEAM APPLICATION RAFFLE WINNERS:

Shana Cal John Liu Martha Lloyd
Regina Lookis Sara Marberry Alison Miller Jennifer Nemec
Kim Rasmussen Colleen Roberts Chris Sioufi

You will receive your \$50 gift card from Midwest Sports by email. If you do not receive it, please email info@chicagodistricttennis.com. Thank you to those who submitted team applications early!

WINTER SEASON MATCH SCHEDULES

The Winter season match schedules are now posted on the league pages within TennisLink. The season has been extended to run from **2/1/20 through 4/26/20** to allow time for reschedules. **No matches will be played beyond 4/26/20.** Flights with two sub-flights must finish regular season play by 4/19/20 to accommodate flight playoffs scheduled for 4/25/20 and 4/26/20. This timing accomplishes the following:

- Ensures teams get at least 8-10 matches
- Levels season lengths over the course of the year — Winter/11 weeks; Summer/12 weeks and ESL 2021/11 weeks (note: 2019 seasons were Winter/16 weeks, Summer/9 weeks and ESL/15 weeks; preliminary plans for 2021 will provide one additional week of play: Winter/14 weeks, Summer/14 weeks and ESL/13 weeks).

Most match play starts 2/8/20; but, a few matches are scheduled the weekend of 2/1/20. Please check your team's match schedule on TennisLink **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to confirm your scheduled home court times with your clubs.** In an effort to reduce reschedules, we worked with clubs to confirm available court time. When there were no other options, we adjusted regular home match days or times.

The number of home matches in your schedules were determined by your clubs' court availability. Shared court times, holidays, and club black-out dates make scheduling a complex process. Teams that share courts with more than one other team will have fewer home matches than other teams; it just isn't possible to have 50% of your matches at home if your courts are only available to you 30% of the time.

RESCHEDULING GUIDELINES

To ensure that matches are played, we ask our captains to show flexibility, empathy, and kindness in the scheduling process. Here are some guidelines to keep in mind:

- Captains are obligated to communicate with opposing captains.
- Confirmation of scheduled matches should begin 5 days prior to the scheduled match.
- If a captain will be unable to communicate regarding a specific match, an acting captain must be assigned to communicate on his/her behalf.
- Rescheduled match dates should be reported to the CDTA BEFORE the originally scheduled match date.
- Reschedules that are not reported in a timely fashion may be deleted from the schedule.



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- If a captain does not communicate or confirm a full line up by 48 hours prior to match time, the captain attempting to get confirmation has a right to take a default, especially if they will end up financially responsible for courts that are cancelled after the 48-hour mark.
- If a captain has not been able to confirm an upcoming match, send one last email to the opposing captain before 48 hours prior to the match to let them know that, in absence of their confirmation for the upcoming match, they will sacrifice a full team default and be financially responsible for the court time unless they respond/confirm prior to the 48-hour mark.
- Copy info@chicagodistricttennis.com if communication regarding scheduling becomes problematic.

CDTA LEAGUE CALENDAR

Check out the league calendar for all the dates you need — application deadlines, season dates, playoffs and championships: http://www.chicago.usta.com/USTA_League_Tennis/league_calendar/

Please note that calendar changes may be necessary based on play and championships occurring outside the Chicago District. The calendar changes at the link provided above will remain up to date for your easy reference.

Thank you for your commitment, participation and support as we work to improve the CDTA league play experience under new leadership and in a new direction as influenced by your participation in our survey, focus groups and personal outreach. Our goal is to continue to build on the league experience with continuous improvement in our planning, operations and communications in 2020 and beyond. Thank you for all of your help and insights!

THANK YOU FOR PLAYING USTA LEAGUE TENNIS!
HAVE A GREAT SEASON!