



2015 LOCAL REGULATIONS Southern Region – mid-Hudson

All captains and players are responsible for following these rules & regulations

GOVERNING RULES

USTA Adult leagues are divided into layers of organization: National, Sectional (Eastern), Regional (Southern), District (mid-Hudson), and then Divisions, if applicable. Three levels of rules apply: The USTA League Tennis Regulations (National), the USTA Eastern rules (Section), and the Local Rules (Southern Region). In addition, the USTA Code of Conduct applies. The local rules are to be read in a manner consistent with the Section and National rules whenever possible and are not intended to supplant those rules. The local rules are intended to identify only the most essential portions of the National and Section rules and only depart from those rules (available at [2015 USTA League Regulations Draft](#)) as authorized by the USTA and whenever deemed necessary and advisable by local league administration. For the purpose of local leagues, players should refer to the appropriate section in *"Friend at Court"* for un-officiated matches called **The Code**.

CAPTAINS' RESPONSIBILITIES

- Ensure all players are registered through TennisLink.
- Ensure all player information is true and not intentionally withheld from League Administrators.
- Ensure new players do not have a current computer rating from any other U.S. State. Captains should verify a player's level of play and background before the player "self-rates". **Neglect of this responsibility is grounds for removal of a captain and possible suspension from league play.**
- BOTH home & visiting Captains should make contact at least 5 days prior to the match to confirm match site, start time, # of courts and court fee.
- Ensure there is a minimum of 4 players available for each match (3 courts for a 5 court match (2 singles and 1 doubles)) OR (2 courts for a 3 court match (2 doubles)).
- Exchange lineups simultaneously at least 5 minutes before the scheduled match start time.
- The visiting team will supply the balls for the match and pay the host club the required per/person fee.
- The host team will supply a light snack at the end of the match.
- Be present at every match or assign someone in his/her place to be the acting Captain.

MATCHES

- A match officially starts when play of the first point is begun. If the match needs to be stopped, due to weather or any extraordinary circumstances, the original line up may be changed on a court that has **not** officially started play even if the players completed warm-up. A court that has begun a first point (the first ball is struck) must be completed by the original roster lineup.
- If an irresolvable dispute arises between the players about the accuracy of calling the lines or other issues, any player may suspend the match to request a court monitor to officiate the remainder of the match. The players shall seek out their respective captains or acting captains to arrange for the mutually acceptable court monitor. If there is no acting captain available, the players shall mutually designate a person, acceptable to all players, to monitor the match.
The monitor(s) shall stand at the net post and make a line call or resolve any other dispute only if requested to by any player. The monitor(s) shall not independently make a line call or other ruling. The line call or ruling of the monitor(s) shall be final, controlling and not appealable. ***If there are two court monitors on the court and they disagree regarding a call, the call made by the player(s) stands.***
- At the discretion of the USTA Local League Coordinator, a team that forfeits an entire match without due cause, or causes an invalid match to occur, will be removed from the team standings. For a "valid" match, a team must play a minimum of 3 courts for a 5 court match OR 2 courts for a 3 court match.
- Scorecards from both captains are to be entered online and confirmed in Tennis Link within 48 hours after the match.

RESCHEDULING MATCHES

- All matches are to be played on or before the scheduled dates. A valid reschedule may occur for the following reasons.
 1. Inclement weather
 2. Your club becomes unable to support the scheduled match (this will be validated and strictly enforced).
- Captains have **1 week** to agree on a reschedule date. Rescheduled matches must be played **before** the last match of the season. Captains must report the rescheduled date to the League Coordinator. If teams are not able to agree upon a date within 1 week, the League Coordinator will set the date and location for the match to be played. If the home team is unable to provide courts within this time frame, the visiting team's courts may be used or a neutral site may be chosen. Any court costs incurred should be the responsibility of the original visiting team. Any team unable to play at this time will be deemed to have forfeited the match. Using weekends for rescheduled matches is strongly recommended.
- The USTA League Coordinator may reschedule any un-played or incomplete matches occurring at the end of the season, which would impact the determination of a league winner. Any cost incurred should be shared by BOTH teams.
- Any team unable to complete their scheduled matches by the end of the league season, may, at the discretion of the USTA League Coordinator, have their match results removed from the league standings. Such teams/players may be deemed ineligible by the Local League Coordinator to compete the following season.

DRESS CODE

- Individual facility's dress codes must be adhered to by visiting teams.