

USTA/PNW 2015 Rules and Procedures Change Summary

Changes Effective - 2015 League Season

2014 Rule	2015 Rule/Procedure	Explanation
40& Over 4.5 Straight Level offered.	4.5 Level no longer offered.	No player interest. We will continue to offer 40& Over 4.5+.
League Guide. After the 2-week grace period, League Coordinator rescheduled total team defaults.	After the 2-week grace period, it is the opposing captain's choice to reschedule or not. The 2-week grace period begins on the day the schedule is published in TennisLink.	Confirms the captain's right not to reschedule.
League Guide. Reschedule Policy	Matches that are not completed by the season end date will be recorded as double defaults.	Clarification for recording scores of incomplete matches when the season has ended.
2.1. The matches of a team that commits a total team default shall be null and void when determining standings. The matches of all teams with a mathematical chance to advance that have played the defaulting team will stand as played.	All matches of a team that commits a total team default will stand as played.	Eliminates the possibility of standings within the flight being arbitrarily changed when a team defaults an entire match.
2.2. Scorecard Exchange.	Prior to the start of the match, captains will exchange line-up scorecards and enter their match line-up <u>onto each other's scorecard</u> . All players participating in the match must be listed online with TennisLink prior to the initial exchange with the opposing captain. In the event a player is not listed, the point penalty and individual match default procedures are to be used if play is delayed while waiting for an unregistered player to register. All players must be registered before taking a court for warm-up. Once the scorecard is exchanged it cannot be changed except for injury, illness or disqualification occurring prior to the first serve of the match. If a substitution is made, that player is entitled to a 5-minute warm-up.	New language added to clarify the scorecard exchange procedure. All players participating in the match must be listed on the TennisLink roster prior to taking the court for the warm-up.
New. 2.2a. Split-Match Scorecard Exchange.	Split-Match Scorecard Exchange. When match start times are split into more than one match start time, the complete line-up (all 3 or 5 lines) must be exchanged at the start time of the first match. Any individual matches not exchanged at the first match start time will be a default and recorded 6-0, 6-0 in favor of the opponent.	Clarifies scorecard exchange procedure for matches with split-match start times. Complies with National rule 2.01C(5).
New. 2.3 Inclement Weather.	Guidelines for matches scheduled during inclement weather. Matches that are incomplete by the season end date will be recorded as double defaults. a. Day(s) before or day of: When bad weather is known ahead of time, captains are to work together and reschedule the match. b. Day of, before the line-up exchange: If bad weather occurs before teams have exchanged line-ups, captains may agree to "wait-out" the conditions or reschedule. c. After the match(s) have begun: When bad weather	

	forces a match(s) to be postponed after they have begun, record scores on the scorecard as they stand. Both captains initial both scorecards. Captain's work together to reschedule the match. The scorecard may not be changed except in the event of injury, illness or disqualification.	
1.6. Residency. 50% of the roster must reside in the local area and no more than 50% of the roster may reside outside of the local area.	Residency. Throughout the entire league season: a. Adult 18& Over and Adult 40& Over - No more than four rostered players may reside outside the Local Area boundaries established by the sections by-laws. b. All other leagues - No more than three rostered players may reside outside the Local Area boundaries established by the sections by-laws. See League Guide for exceptions to the boundaries.	Prevents a neighboring local area from dominating a league in an adjacent local area. Provides for no more than 50% of the individual matches will be played by players residing outside of a local area.
2.0. Advancement. Procedures in the event of a team match tie. 1) Individual Matches. Winner of the most individual matches. 2) Sets. Loser of the fewest number of sets. 3) Games. Loser of the fewest number of games. 4. Head-to-Head	Procedures in the event of a team match tie. 1) Individual Matches. Winner of the most individual matches. 2) Head-to-Head. Winner of the head-to-head match. 3) Sets. Loser of the fewest number of sets. 4) Games. Loser of the fewest number of games	In 2014 National USTA amended the procedures to follow in the event of a team match tie. We were required to follow the change in 2014 since we did not have a section rule in place. For 2015 we have officially adopted the national rule.
New. 2.3 Incomplete Matches.	Individual matches which are not completed by the end of the season and prior to playoffs, if any, will be recorded as a double default.	Provides clarification.