



2014 HIGHLIGHTS OF NATIONAL & FLORIDA SECTION RULES & REGULATIONS

GENERAL

All USTA Leagues will adhere to the USTA League National and Florida Section Regulations. Local rules are developed to supplement the National and Section Regulations. The National and Florida Section rules are available on the USTA Florida website @ www.ustaflorida.com Link: Adult Tennis (top menu) / USTA Leagues / Captains Resources

PLAYER REQUIREMENTS

Each player must:

- have reached 18 years of age prior to, or during the calendar year in which the player plays his/her first local league match. (N.R. 1.04E(3)) Refer to chart on page 6 for additional age requirements.
- possess a current USTA membership through the entire league season. (N.R. 1.04E(2))
- have a NTRP rating which is appropriate to the team's level (N.R. 1.04F (1))
- player's name must be added to the TennisLink roster **prior** to player's participation in a match.

TEAM REQUIREMENTS

Adult 18, 40 and 55 & Over team rosters must maintain at least 75% of its players at the NTRP designated team level (S.R. 1.04D(5))

75/25 Reference Chart:	Total # of players on roster	Total # of players allowed at lower level
	6-7	1
	8-11	2
	12-15	3
	16-19	4
	20-23	5

PLAYER/TEAM ADVANCEMENT

To participate in any local league playoff or championship level match each player must play at least two matches during the local league season, with only one match counted as a default. (S.R. 1.04G(6)) Exception : Combo 18 & Over and Combo 50 & Over league players must play at least two matches during the local league season, with no defaults counting. (S.R. 8.57)

No National Championship competition is available for Mixed 55 & Over, Combo 18 & Over and Combo 50 & Over.

A *retired* match shall count for all participants.

SUSPENDED PLAY

Section Regulations 2.03C(1)(a), (b) and (c) govern local league play.

GRIEVANCES, APPEALS, COMPLAINTS & PROCEDURES

The National 3.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES shall apply to all USTA League Tennis divisions. All grievances must be directed to the Local League Coordinator.

SCORE REPORTING

Match results must be reported in TennisLink within 48 hours following the completion of the final individual match in a team match. After match scores have been reported in TennisLink, the opposing team must either confirm or dispute the match within 48 hours of the initial entry or the initial score will be considered valid automatically; and no appeals will be allowed. (S.R. 1.04C(2))

TEAM DEFAULTS

Team Defaults: For each team match, a majority of the individual matches must be played or the entire team match must be defaulted. (N.R. 2.03K).

Scoring of Team Defaults: If a team defaults an entire team match **for any reason** during round robin play, then all matches that team played, or to be played, shall be null and void when determining standings unless all teams in that flight have already played the defaulting team in good faith, in which case the matches stand as played. (N.R. 2.03L).



2014 LOCAL LEAGUE RULES & REGULATIONS REGION:8 AREA:NORTH & SOUTH MIAMI DADE

LOCAL LEAGUE COORDINATORS

South Miami Dade:

Adult 18 & Over, 40 & Over, 55 & Over, 65 & Over - Women: Donna Kass – 305-252-1283 – thekasses@aol.com

Adult 18 & Over, 40 & Over, 55 & Over, 65 & Over - Men: Nina Lindsey – 305-971-8850 - anintennis@yahoo.com

Mixed – All Divisions: Nina Lindsey – 305-971-8850 - anintennis@yahoo.com

Combo: Donna Kass – 305-252-1283 – thekasses@aol.com

North Miami Dade:

Adult 18 & Over, 40 & Over - Men & Women: Cory Browarnik – 305-915-0052 – coryustanorthdade@gmail.com

Adult 55 & Over, 65 & Over - Men & Women: Cory Browarnik – 305-915-0052 - coryustanorthdade@gmail.com

Mixed – All Divisions: Cory Browarnik – 305-915-0052 - coryustanorthdade@gmail.com

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RAINOUT / RESCHEDULE POLICIES

ALL TEAMS are required to play out all matches according to the original schedule. There will be no rescheduling of matches except for inclement weather or conflicts with other USTA events.

- In the event of inclement weather on match day, it is the responsibility of the home captain to contact the opponent.

-Matches shall not be called until 2 hours prior to the scheduled time. All attempts should be made to play. The official rainout time will be thirty minutes after the original starting time, unless both captains agree to declare a rainout sooner, or if the home facility has deemed the courts unplayable.

-Matches that are postponed due to inclement weather **MUST BE RESCHEDULED BETWEEN THE TWO CAPTAINS WITHIN 48 HRS AND THE AGREED UPON DATE EMAILED TO THE LLC for approval.** The rescheduled date must be played within 2 weeks of the original scheduled day. **If courts at the home facility are not available within the 2 week period, then the match must be played at any other facility.**

If a date can not be agreed upon within the 48 hours, then the LLC will set the date, time and place in which both teams must be present. If the players are not present, teams will receive defaults.

Matches that were started prior to the rain will be recorded as retired if players are not present.

-If play cannot resume within 30 minutes (or both captains agree to declare a rain-out sooner, or the home facility deems the courts unplayable), then the match will be rescheduled with the same players.

***DEFAULTS*: NEW CHANGE FOR THE 2014 SEASON:**

Each team is required to play all matches on the scheduled date. In the event a team is unable to play a match on the scheduled date for any reason other than inclement weather or conflict with other USTA events, the following rules will apply:

1. The team captain must notify the opposing captain before the scheduled match date and time.
2. The LLC must be notified immediately, and if both captains cannot agree to field the minimum number of players to constitute an eligible match on that date, then that match and any other matches played by the defaulting team in that round robin tier/segment shall be null and void when determining standings.
3. Those players from the team receiving the team default will be credited with a default received for purposes of advancement. Individual defaults will be scored as a 6-0, 6-0 win for the player or doubles team receiving the default, and a 0-6, 0-6 loss for the player or doubles team that defaulted the match. In the event of a default by both teams, no players will be credited with a default received.

SCORING FORMAT

Match play will be best of two sets, with regular scoring and a set tiebreak at 6-all in each set. In the event of split sets, a match tiebreak will be played in lieu of a third set with the two minute set break and no coaching allowed. The Coman Tiebreak Procedure will be used for all tiebreaks.

LOCAL LEAGUE DATES/DEADLINES

Please refer to www.ustamiami.com for registration and playoff and advancement information that pertains to your league.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL INFORMATION FOR MIAMI DADE COUNTY

MATCH FORMAT:

Adult teams are required to field 5 positions (2) singles, and (3) doubles. Adult 55+, 65+, Mixed Doubles all divisions, and Combo teams are required to field (3) positions. If players are registered on more than one team, no consideration will be given in the scheduling of matches. Additionally, matches will not be rescheduled for this conflict.

Failure to register prior to play will result in a default.

MATCH PLAY:

Matches will start as published in TennisLink. Players not present within 15 minutes of the scheduled start time will be declared ineligible for the scheduled match.

It will be the responsibility of the captain of the home team to contact the visiting captain at least 1 day prior to the match to verify start time, court availability, and court fees.

Team captains must exchange lineups simultaneously before beginning the match. No match shall start until all of the players are present or the default time has expired.

No substitution may be made in an individual match after the lineup has been exchanged, except for injury to, illness of or disqualification of a player prior to the start of the match.

SPECTATOR VIEWING

If a spectator/non lineup participant has to go through a gate, walk on the court to sit on the bench/chairs, then they are not allowed to sit in that area during the match. If the benches/chairs are located between courts, ie in a walkway, then the spectators are allowed to sit there.

****PLAYOFF FORMAT****

Winning teams declared at the completion of each local league season participate in a local league play-off **single elimination**, with the winning team advancing to the next level of competition representing that league programs NTRP level and area. A flip of the coin will determine the site and time of play. Winner of the flip gets the choice between facility site OR time of match. If TWO teams in the playoffs are night league teams, then the match will DEFINITELY be played at night. Only facility will be flipped for.