



## FAQ for League Play in Utah

Utah Tennis has put together this FAQ to help answer questions we receive frequently about league play in Utah. If you have more questions, please feel free to email Ally Sundberg, the District League Coordinator (DLC) for help. Ally may be reached at [asundberg@utahtennis.com](mailto:asundberg@utahtennis.com) or 801-944-8790

### **This is my first league in Utah...what does it cost to register for a team? –**

If this is the first time you have played league in Utah, your registration fee is waived. Please contact the District League Coordinator (DLC) to be registered for free – and welcome to USTA Utah league play!

### **I'm 25 years old - are there any discounts for younger players? –**

Yes - all players 25 and under will receive a free team registration for any league they play.

### **How do the fees work for league in Utah?**

Utah leagues have a “Pay to Play” format. Each player initially pays a small registration fee of \$20 per league. Then, when a player participates in a league match, they pay the host facility either \$12 for an outdoor match, or \$14 for an indoor match. Utah Tennis will receive \$4.25 of this money, with the host facility receiving the balance. The Tennis Directors reviewed many options for league fee structures in May of 2016, and voted to keep this format for fees.

### **When was the last fee increase and are there plans for fees to rise?**

The current fee structure has been in place since 2013 and there are no plans to increase league fees.

### **My team plans to play out of a non-monitored public park – do we still need to pay the same fees?**

Yes. All participating host sites will receive equal fees for play on their courts. If a team plays out of a non-monitored public park, the home team captain will need to gather the money from the players and remit payment to Utah Tennis for the full league fee amount (\$12 per person for outside play) for each match played at the non-monitored public park. Utah Tennis will then pay the host facility their portion.

### **How many matches is my team guaranteed?**

Each team is guaranteed 8 matches during each league. Teams may play other teams in their schedule either once or twice during each season. The World Team Tennis schedule is 8 weeks with no guarantee of 8 matches if there is an uneven number in your flight. Due to scheduling constraints, the Fall Indoor league will only have 6 matches.

### **For the indoor leagues, why are the matches 90 minutes instead of 2 hours. Could we play for 2 hours?**

The Tennis Directors met in May of 2016, and the majority of facility directors stated that their indoor courts are so tightly booked during the winter months they are unfortunately not able to increase league time to 2 hours per match.

### **I would like to play league, but I don't have a team to play on – can Utah Tennis help?**

The District League Coordinator is happy to help you find a team. Send an email to the DLC and they will work on helping you find a team.

### **Our team usually plays on Tuesdays, why do we have a match on a different day of the week?**

In order to guarantee 8 matches, occasionally one week will need to “double up” play. Court constrictions at facilities, holidays, and other events periodically conflict and require teams to play twice in one week.

### **Will we have equal home and away matches?**

Utah Tennis works with each facility's court availability. When facilities host multiple teams, or if they have conflicting events on their courts, it sometimes happens that an equal number of home and away matches cannot occur. Utah Tennis uses neutral sites when neither team's home facility can host the match.

### **Which leagues count toward my rating?**

All leagues count toward your NTRP rating with the exception of the Fall Indoor league, which does NOT count.

### **Does the Move Up/ Split Up rule apply to all leagues?**

The move up/split up rule is a National USTA rule that must be adhered to for USTA leagues (leagues with advancing tournaments such as districts/sectionals/ and Nationals.) The Move Up/Split Up rule does NOT apply to Utah Tennis leagues: Winter League, Fall Outdoor and Fall Indoor leagues.

### **Are there rules about how many “below level” players can compete on a team?**

For USTA National Leagues (18& Over, 40 & Over, Mixed leagues) please contact the DLC for rules regarding below level players. For Utah Tennis leagues, 50% of the players in a particular match must be at the listed NTRP level. Players may play in any line of the match, there is no “strength of order” for a lineup for both USTA National and Utah Tennis leagues.

### **What constitutes a “Total Team Default” and what happens if our team has a Total Team Default?**

A total team default occurs when a team fields less than 50% of the matches scheduled. For example: In a 5 line match, a total team default occurs if a team defaults 3 or more matches. If a total team default occurs, the league coordinator may remove the team from competing in the rest of the league. In addition, matches played by this team before the team default will be removed from the league. In addition, penalties may be incurred to all members of the team if a total team default occurs.

If your team is in jeopardy of a total team default, please contact the District League Coordinator in advance of the scheduled match so she can advise you how to proceed.

### **I'm not happy with my current NTRP rating. What can I do?**

Please contact the District League Coordinator, and she will be happy to talk you through your options.

### **I missed the beginning of a league, can I still join?**

Players may join a team at any point during a league. There is no cutoff date to add players

### **This sounds great – how often do leagues run during the year?**

Utah Tennis hosts leagues for nearly every week of the year. Call the District League Coordinator today to find out more about how to begin league play and.....

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THE COURT!**