



USTA League Tennis & Self-Rating

Dear Captains and Players,

Welcome to another year of USTA League Tennis for 2012. Thank you so much for volunteering. Not only will you serve as the communicator and representative for your team, but we wouldn't have our league without all of your efforts.

As a friendly reminder, please refer to national regulation 1.04F(1)d when recruiting players for your team. It states:

"Players who do not have a valid NTRP rating level on file in TennisLink shall self-rate in accordance with the **General & Experienced Player Guidelines – Supplement to the NTRP Guidelines and complete the self-rating process on TennisLink when registering for a team. **Failure to do so, or omission of information regarding a player's tennis history, will subject the player, the captain and/or others who condoned inaccurate self-rating to sanctions and disqualifications.**"**

This means that the questions answered in the self-rate form from each player should be honest and accurate and all NTRP guidelines should be followed when selecting an appropriate rating. If information was not accurately answered on the self-rate questionnaire, a grievance will be filed against the player(s) and captain. **This may result in reversal of matches as well as possible suspension from USTA League Play.**

Factors such as a player's on-court performance, tennis background, and any additional information should be considered when selecting a level. If there is question on which level should be picked, a player should place themselves in the higher NTRP level of play.

Players who are good athletes or intend to spend a great deal of time taking lessons and practicing should be aware that their improvement may be significant enough to surpass their original self-rating by the time they reach the end of their local league season or championship. To avoid NTRP disqualification, these players should enter at a higher level of play at the beginning of the local league season.

The purpose of USTA League Tennis is to provide organized recreational play with fair and competitive matches, so let's keep it that way. Let's make it a great 2012! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or your Local League Coordinator.

Thanks,
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