



2016 USTA MONMOUTH WOMEN'S LOCAL LEAGUE RULES

2016 USTA/Eastern Section League Regulations Prevail.

- All teams are required by Eastern regulations and Local League Rules to maintain a team roster with **a minimum of 60% "at level players"** based on current NTRP ratings. All teams are required to have a Captain and a Co-Captain and all contact information for both must be provided. In the event that the captain is not available and/or does not respond, the co-captain has the authority to make decisions.
- **Match Days:**

2.5 Women – Tuesdays	3.5 Women – Mondays & Thursdays
3.0 Women – Tuesdays & Fridays	4.0 Women – Mondays & Wednesdays
- **Match Times:**

All courts for all matches other than evening matches must begin at 10:00 AM. Any deviation from the start time and/or all 5 courts starting at the scheduled time must be approved by the Local League Coordinator. The start time for evening matches will be scheduled as agreed upon by the captains in each level and approved by the Local League Coordinator. For levels with "night" teams, all teams agree to play night matches when scheduled against the "night" teams. Changes in scheduling must be requested and agreed upon by the captains via email with a copy to the Local League Coordinator at carintennis@aol.com. The LLC has the final approval for all changes.
- **Point Penalty for Lateness:**

1 – 5 Minutes Late: Loss of toss and 1 game	16-19 Minutes Late: Spin, but late team forfeits 1 set
6 – 10 Minutes Late – Loss of toss and 2 games	30 Minutes Late: Forfeits Match
11 – 15 Minutes Late: Loss of toss and 3 games	
- Warm-up will be limited to 10 minutes. Late matches will be limited to a 5 minute warm-up. All serves are taken during the warm-up. **Late penalties do not occur during warm-up. They begin 10 minutes after the start of the match. If a team is late, they forfeit warm-up time. The match MUST begin at 10 minutes after the start time. The match must end 2 hours after the start time.**
- The match line-up calls for 1st and 2nd singles and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd doubles. **The 2.5 format is for one singles position and two doubles.** For all levels other than the 2.5 level, 1 singles court and 4 doubles courts may be played in the local season, however, all teams must follow USTA/Eastern rules and will play 2 singles and 3 doubles for any matches above the local league. Formats will be decided at the captains' meetings. LLC has final approval.
- Use regular scoring. You will play 2 sets & a 10 point tie break in lieu of a 3rd set. **7 point tie break at 6-6 in each set (first to 7 by 2).** One point will be awarded to the team who wins the match on each court. There is a maximum of 5 points for the day. **For 2 sets and the Tie Break in lieu of a third set, a Coman Super Tie Break (first to 10 by 2 points) is played.**
- **Time Limit:** All matches must be completed in **2 hours** or less. Time Limit Rule applies.
- The best team record will determine local league winner. **The USTA rule 2.03H Procedures in the Event of a Tie (see 2016 USTA National/Eastern Section Regulations) will be used if teams have the same record for the season.**
- **In the event of a forfeit, the forfeiting team will pay any court fees due the tennis facility.** If a team reserves courts at a tennis facility and if they do not show up, or if they cancel without notifying the facility of the cancellation in advance, the team will be responsible for paying all the court fees. **If you are scheduled, you are responsible for the court fees – even if the reservation was made by the Local League Coordinator.** If you do not pay the fees, you will not be permitted to play your next scheduled match. **All of our facilities have a 48 hour cancellation policy.**

- For defaults, the **order in which you default MUST be:** Doubles: 3rd doubles, 2nd doubles then 1st Doubles. Singles: 2nd Singles then 1st Singles. **If you do not forfeit in order, you will forfeit both nets (the net forfeited and the net played incorrectly).**
- **For matches with 2 sets and a super tie break in lieu of the third set, there is no 10 minute break and no coaching is allowed.** Coaching is not allowed at any time during the match. No rest is allowed after the first game of any set. No rest during tie breaks. If requested by any player on the court, a 2 minute set break may be taken between any sets. **Quick** bathroom breaks may be taken at anytime, **but should only be taken at the end of a game or at the end of a set.**
- **No one should go onto the courts unless a specific request is made by the players. Players may request line judging.**
- All matches consist of 5 courts for all levels except for the 2.5 level. For the 2.5 level, all matches consist of 3 courts. **All 5 courts are to begin at the scheduled time.** Any deviation to this must be requested by the "home" captain or co-captain via email to the "away" captain with a copy to the Local League Coordinator, Carin Henderson at carintennis@aol.com. **The Home team provides the balls.**
- All players share the cost of courts on match day. Payment is to be made directly to the facility prior to the start of the match.
- Cell Phones: All cell phones should be "OFF" or "SILENT" (not vibrate). If a cell phone rings, the team of the player whose phone rings will lose the point in progress. If the cell phone is answered, the team of the player answering the phone loses the game being played.
- It is the responsibility of the Captain to insure that players are aware of all rules. **ALL POINTS PLAYED STAND!** There will be no interference or reversal of the score after the fact. Disputes must be settled at the time of the dispute. The Local League Coordinator CANNOT reverse scores, wins or losses after the fact. **Please exhibit good sportsmanship at all times!**
- Rain: Every effort should be made to play matches on the scheduled dates. Home captains should contact indoor clubs when needed. In the event this proves impossible, matches must be finished and the score recorded before the start of the match scheduled for the following week. Clear all delayed play with the Local League Coordinator.
- **Home Captains confirm the match with the opposing Captain at least 48 hours before match play via email.** If there is an approved deviation to the 5 courts starting at the scheduled time, during the confirmation process, the away team has the choice of which matches go on first, indoor/outdoor choice, or surface choice, if applicable. If you are unable to reach a captain to confirm the match, please email that captain with a copy to the Local League Coordinator.
- **ALL CAPTAINS ARE REQUIRED TO RECORD MATCH RESULTS VIA TENNIS LINK VIA THE INTERNET. Both Captains must enter the system. The winning Captain should report the results of the match and the other Captain MUST confirm or dispute the scores.**

SCORE ENTRY AT: www.usta.com

CAPTAIN'S TOOL KIT: www.eastern.usta.com

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Should you need to reach me in an emergency, a text message to 732-492-9695 is the best method.