



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 50% "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
3.0 Women – Tuesdays & Fridays

3.5 Women – Mondays & Thursdays
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.

- **Lateness & Warm-Up:**

B.20. USTA EASTERN: Local Matches -There is a fifteen-minute default rule (inclusive of warm up time) in effect for all local matches. Warm up time is limited to 5 minutes when a player arrives on court after the scheduled start time for the match. In cases of extenuating circumstances a Local League Coordinator may extend the default time. These circumstances would include, but not be limited to, extreme weather, travel conditions, such as snowstorms, bridge or tunnel closings, fires, tornadoes and major street closings.

- 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 match tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set. **Set tiebreak 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. **If teams split sets, a match tiebreak (first to 10 by 2 points) is played. Coman Tiebreak Procedure is used for all tiebreaks.**
- **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).**
- 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. Quick bathroom breaks 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. Either Captain can enter the scores and the opposing captain will confirm or dispute the scores.**

SCORE ENTRY AT: <https://tennislink.usta.com/Leagues/Scorecard/RecordAScore.aspx>

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

USTA Local League Coordinator: Carin Henderson
Tel: 732-747-8282, Ext. 116 or 732-492-9695
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Should you need to reach me in an emergency, a text message to 732-492-9695 is the best method.

TIME LIMIT RULE

At 15 minutes before the end of the match - Finish the Game!

1. If a team is ahead by two (2) games, they win the set.
2. If a team is ahead by only one (1) game, one more game is played. If they win the game, they win the set.

If the other team wins the game and the set is now tied, a tiebreak would be played. This is to be a 7 point tie break (first to 7 by 2 points).
3. This should be entered as a “Timed Match” with the correct set score (examples: 4-3, 5-4).

If at 15 minutes before the end of the match, sets are split, then a match tie break is played (first to 10 by 2). This would also be a “Timed Match” and the match tiebreak score should be entered as 1-0.

If at the 2 hour mark the match is not completed: This should be entered as a “Timed Match” and the score as it stands is entered.