



2024 Dayton USTA Captain's Meeting April 30, 2024

Welcome & Introductions-Zoom Being Recorded

All participants are muted upon entry to prevent background noise issues

If you have a question, feel free to use chat feature or unmute and ask question when I ask if there are any questions 😊

Dayton Rules-quick review of rules-*new, newly enforced* and important reminders are in RED

- Registration woes, clarify deadline for legally registered player
 - Captains can no longer agree to allow a match to stand, for Stats and Standings, when it is determined that a player isn't or wasn't properly registered, NO exceptions
 - ineligible player will be marked as such, match counts towards advancement for opponents, but only as a Default credit
 - if ineligible player wins, he/she will be marked as DQ*, win is reversed
 - now knowing court will be Defaulted/reversed, if won, what do I do?
 - We will talk about this again with Suspension Points but don't be worried
- Registration closes 14 days before last scheduled match-registration can be opened by LLC* for **computer rated** players only
 - *as of January, 2024, LLC now has expanded TennisLink access and can,
 - open registration,
 - edit scoresheets on TennisLink, and
 - adjust/assign captain/co-captain assignments
- Must be 18 years of age before you can register or play
- Reminder of local league club membership requirements; there are **Summer memberships but captains must be certain of a player's membership status**
- Captains SHOULD register first, then have your co-captains register
 - If you forget or I need to swap Captain and Co-Captain, email league and team number to LLC
- **NEW for 2024, 40&O match format at Championships will now be 1S/4D,**
 - Local leagues can run any format, BUT
 - 40&O teams **MUST** have 9 players registered before the first scheduled match, OR
 - Their team will be deemed ineligible and removed from the league.
 - This can be very disruptive to the league and if it's a two-team league,
 - The league winner cannot progress to Districts because both teams must have registered 9 players before the first scheduled match.

- Lineups cannot be changed after turned in (also applies to split matches), a player can be substituted for a no-show or player injured during warmup
- Late penalties and lineup adjustments for player no-show-must default lowest court and adjust lineup, same for split matches
- Just a note, defaults do NOT have to be declared (like in Championships) in local league
 - It would be polite to declare if known in advance, but it's not required
 - If a default is declared after lineup has been turned in, the captain receiving the default credit must ask the captain defaulting a court(s) IF he/she can change the lineup due to the default
 - Captain defaulting a court does not have to agree, but it would be polite to do so
 - Receiving a default credit does NOT require/guarantee the captain receiving the default credit can change a lineup after it's been submitted
- **Ask me what happens when we are too nice and bend the late penalty rules.....**
- Clarification of cell phone rule: PLEASE tell players to turn them OFF
- Scores MUST be reported within 48 hours of scheduled match time by winning team or suffer the consequence:
 - First violation is a warning,
 - Second violation, winning team will lose match
- Score corrections in TennisLink, email copy of signed, score sheet, match # to LLC
- Clarification of TIMED matches? Saturday, Sunday, (&Friday night) aren't timed
- Match reschedules? All matches and all courts SHOULD be played
 - Contact LLC Maja, only if scheduling error, CAPTAINS MUST compare schedule Maja sent to schedule on TennisLink, immediately, and let her know if there is a discrepancy, so it can be corrected.
 - Maja's schedule is the correct schedule, schedules are uploaded to TennisLink and can be erroneous
 - Your idea of a scheduling error may not be an actual error...
 - Facilities may have to request that a match be moved, due to court availability, which is a situation beyond our control
 - Back to post season conflicts:
 - Captains need to contact their club owner/manager, within 24 hours, of team progressing and specify players impacted (by Monday after winning a Championship)
 - Rescheduling due to post season play=3 for 5 courts, 2 for 3 courts
 - Other than post season conflicts-let's talk about regular season matches
 - FIRST, you should contact club owner/manager before captain
 - No rule preventing a captain from asking another to reschedule
 - BUT, some captains don't want to be asked
 - AND some facilities won't allow it, it's their business to run as they see fit
 - other than contacting your home club for help, there's no formal process
 - it's one thing to try to move one or two courts, but moving a 5 court match??
 - Any reschedules must be completed within the summer league season
 - a team related conflict isn't an error in scheduling

- captains need to look at schedules as soon as they are released, not at the beginning of each month
 - definition of a conflict is subjective-a conflict is being scheduled in Dayton and also out of town at a Championship
- Do you know how Defaults are handled? Defaulting club is billed entire fee
- 40&O 4 court format Districts/States/Sectionals is NOW 1S/4D
 - ALL TEAMS MUST HAVE 9 PLAYERS REGISTERED BEFORE THE FIRST SCHEDULED MATCH
 - 40&O 3.0W is still 3D
 - 40&O 4.5W are still 3D
 - 40&O 4.0M are still 1S/3D
 - 40&O 4.5M are still 1S/2D
 - 40&O 3.5M are NOW 1S4D
 - 40&O 3.5W (Daytime and Weekend), 40W still 1S/4D
- **New Suspension Point System=have you heard of it?**

Suspension Point System information and other league resources

<https://www.usta.com/en/home/play/adult-tennis/programs/midwest/league-documents.html>

Championship Dates/Locations-updated online

<https://www.usta.com/content/dam/usta/sections/midwest/pdfs/ohio-valley/2022%20OVTA%20Championship%20Dates.pdf>

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All work is done through office phone and/or email, if you happen to have my cell phone, please do not call/text me for score changes, etc ☺

Questions & Discussion

New/Relatively New/Returning Captain's Discussion After Presentation, if desired