

USTA 2024 Dayton Local League Rules

(Updated 1/1/24)

All players participating in the USTA League, as a condition of said participation, agree to abide and be bound by the USTA Constitution and Bylaws; the Friend at Court – The USTA Handbook of Tennis Rules and Regulations including The Code and Wheelchair Rules of Tennis (unless modified by these USTA League Regulations); the USTA League Regulations; and the standards of good conduct, fair play and good sportsmanship.

All players will further agree to abide by and be bound by the USTA/Midwest Section Standing Orders, and their respective local USTA League rules.

League Registration & Eligibility: TennisLink is the official system for registering teams and players for the USTA League. A player's name must be listed on the team roster, as shown on TennisLink, prior to scheduled match time.

If/when it is determined that a player is/was not properly registered, the player is deemed ineligible, match results stand for ratings purposes only, a win will be reversed by the District League Coordinator. Contact DLC for details.

League registration will be closed **14 days** prior to the league's last scheduled match. However, registration can be opened during this period, by the District League Coordinator, for computer-rated players only (registration will not be opened for self-rated players).

Each player shall have reached the required minimum age prior to or during the calendar year in which such player participates in his or her first local league, with one exception. **Players must be 18 years of age prior to participation in a USTA League program.**

2.01C(3)b(1) Dayton Local League allows Total Team Defaults to count towards Stats & Standings. Because National Regulations do not allow this, these matches have to be manually adjusted on TennisLink. Therefore, the receiving team captain needs to email the DLC after he/she has reported the TTD on TennisLink.

USTA LEAGUE DETERMINATION OF FLIGHT WINNER TO PROGRESS TO DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP:

In the event of a tie, whether in round robin or single elimination competition, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures that does so:

2.03H(1) Individual Matches. Winner of the most individual matches in the entire competition

2.03H(2) Head-to-Head. Winner of head-to-head match

2.03H(3) Sets. Loser of the fewest number of sets

2.03H(4) Games. Loser of the fewest number of games

2.03H(5) Game Winning Percentage

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL CAPTAINS AND PLAYERS:

ALL PLAYERS MUST HAVE A CURRENT USTA MEMBERSHIP

USTA REGISTRATION IS \$20.00 PER TEAM

COURT FEE \$22.00 PER PERSON

Captains Play Home Matches For Free.

Rules for Withdrawing/Adding a team(s)

If a team is withdrawn/added after schedules have been made, but prior to them being published, the club may be billed up to \$250 to remake the schedule. If a team is withdrawn after the schedule has been finalized, that captain/club is required to pay the associated court fees to the clubs of the first two away matches.

Members-Only Policy

In order to play on any team during the indoor season of USTA, you must be a member of one of the GMVTA clubs listed below: Five Seasons Sports Club (FSSC) Kettering Tennis Center / Quail Run Racquet Club (KTC/QRRC) Schroeder Tennis Center (STC) South Regency Tennis Center (SRTC) Wright Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB).

The only exception to this rule is players who have never played in the Dayton USTA league. Players will be allowed to play for one season of USTA without being a member of a listed club.

Should it be discovered later that a player has played in a previous USTA season, all of their matches will be declared as defaults. It is important that captains make sure of their non-member's status before they play any matches.

Summer USTA now requires a club membership, and most clubs are offering a summer only membership of \$75. Please see your club owner/manager for details. Summer now counts towards a player's one free season. If you've previously played in the summer only, you are now required to be a member.

Beavercreek Clay Courts Tennis Club membership counts for Summer USTA.

Captains are responsible for:

Attending Local League Captain Meetings, if scheduled.

Distributing TennisLink registration information, schedules and rules to players.

Making sure all players are properly registered prior to scheduled match time. Captains are no longer permitted to agree to allow the ineligible player's match to count towards Stats & Standings, the match can be played and counted towards ratings only. Please contact the DLC for details.

Understanding that all players on a team may be responsible for any defaulted court fees.

Expecting that all matches scheduled throughout the season will be played and that any team that does not play a scheduled match may be responsible for all court fees.

Turn in completed lineups to desk personnel no later than FIVE minutes prior to match time. In the case of SPLIT MATCHES, the lineups for ALL COURTS must be turned in before the beginning of the FIRST MATCH, be it singles or doubles.

- No substitution may be made in an individual match after the lineup has been presented, except for injury to, illness of, or disqualification of a player prior to the start of such match. If the substitution is made during the warm-up, the substitute player is entitled to a five minute warm-up.
- in the event of a NO SHOW, a rostered player may be substituted in the position of the missing player after the exchange of lineups and before the set default time in local competition. In the event of a NO SHOW, the team match may not begin until all positions comply USTA Regulation 2.03K.
- In the event two players from different doubles teams are NO SHOWS, that team may combine the remaining two players at the higher of the doubles positions. No additional changes can be made to the lineup.
- A NO SHOW at the second half of a split match is to be treated the same as a NO SHOW for the first half of the split match.

Either Captain can report the match results via TennisLink, and should do so no later than 48 hours after the match. Captains are encouraged to check the

scores. If there is an error, you can **Dispute** on TennisLink within 48 hours of score entry, **contact DLC immediately** and provide a copy of the scores sheet with an explanation of the dispute. Captains should keep copies of all completed score sheets/lineup sheets. If you find an error and are unable to Dispute the match on TennisLink, contact DLC and follow the instructions above.

CHANGES to Schedules

Rescheduling? Moving Court(s)?

Rescheduling of Local League Matches due to inclement weather:

Captains should confer with each other about the possible need to postpone the match due to weather conditions. If an agreement cannot be reached, Captains should consult with their Home Clubs owner/manager (not front desk) for assistance.

Summer USTA matches scheduled outdoors must have back up indoor courts available*. And, the home facility should make the decision to move indoors far enough in advance of the scheduled match time to allow Captains to inform players. Every effort should be made by the home facility to use the indoor back up courts and avoid any possibility of the match being delayed. Matches are supposed to be played at the scheduled time and not rescheduled due to weather.

*Exception: All teams can agree to play a league outdoors and manage weather related reschedules but the LLC will not get involved or provide assistance.

No changes in TennisLink schedule will be made without both captains' agreement. The information for rescheduling is to be sent to LLC, DLC and club.

Rescheduling due to participation in a USTA League Championship:

A Captain can request to reschedule a local league match if there are **THREE** (3) Championship eligible players (for 4 and 5 court leagues), or **TWO** (2) Championship eligible players (for 3-court leagues) on the TennisLink roster who are on a team participating in a USTA League Championship.

The requesting Captain must contact their **club owner/manager** (not the front desk) **and no longer the LLC** by 2:00 pm Monday, immediately following within winning a Championship, or as soon as possible given upcoming weekend match(es) will likely be subject to rescheduling; specifying which players are

impacted by the progression to the next Championship level and the specific match (number) requested to be rescheduled.

The club manager/owner will:

- Work with the home facility to determine the new match date/time, then email the rescheduling details to both Captains, LLC and the DLC (for TennisLink updating)
- If the new date presents an issue for either Captain, that Captain can request to work directly with the opposing Captain to find a mutually agreed upon solution.
 - BUT, the opposing Captain does not have to agree.
 - And, the club owner/manager may not provide options for the Captains before rescheduling, the home club owner/manager may simply move the match based on court availability.
 - IF the Captains agree to move the rescheduled match or play some courts at a different time/date, the Captains must inform the home club owner/manager LLC and DLC so TennisLink can be updated and/or LLC/DLC can be prepared when TennisLink informs them of the unreported match.
 - DLC may give instructions on how/when to report the match,
 - Which includes, reporting scores as courts are played, marking unplayed courts as double defaults.
 - And as additional courts are played, email match number and results to DLC for TennisLink update.
 - This allows daily dynamic reporting to be accurate and up to date.

Other reasons to reschedule: Do's and Don't

- Every effort should be made to play matches/courts, as scheduled.
- Because many players choose to play in multiple leagues, Captains are responsible for managing their rosters and being prepared in the event there's an overlap in league schedules. This is especially true for leagues using a combination of ratings and/or both men and women. It's impossible to deconflict all league play, players can choose to play on multiple leagues but they may have to choose which team to play for when schedules conflict.
- Currently, there is no rule preventing Captains from agreeing to reschedule a match or a portion of a match.
- BUT, many Captains don't want to be asked to change a schedule/move courts, so please note:
 - Captains can say NO,

- and, facilities can say NO.
- If two Captains agree to any changes,
 - the club manager/owner must be contacted first (not the front desk)
 - Captains cannot agree to move a match to another facility (this is a loss of expected income to the home club).
 - Club manager/owner can assist with moving the courts and canceling originally scheduled courts.
 - Both Captains must email LLC and DLC with agreement to move match/courts and such details, so LLC will know of newly open courts AND TennisLink can be updated.
 - DLC may provide instructions on how/when to report scores, and
 - Captains may still receive an email asking for missing scores, as these details can be difficult to manage.
 - Matches cannot be moved beyond the league season or interfere with scheduled Championships.
- A majority of the courts must be played for the match to be considered a legal match (3 courts for 4 or 5 court leagues, 2 courts for 3 court leagues)
 - Only 4 players are needed for 3 or 5 court leagues,
 - 1st and 2nd doubles for 3 court leagues and you can play 1st singles, 2nd singles and 1st doubles for 5 court leagues.
 - Playing fewer than the required minimum courts presents issues with Stats & Standings and can significantly impact the league later.
 - Total Team Defaults or matches in which a minimum number of courts are played, should be avoided, but,
 - Local league currently allows such matches to count in Stats & Standings.
 - Such matches can skew league results.
 - If a Captain doesn't have enough players to play a legal match or is facing a Total Team Default, the Captain should contact his/her home club manager/owner immediately.
 - It is possible the match can be rescheduled, but the Captain should expect the possibility that not all courts will be played, the Captain may have to default court(s).
 - Please contact your home club manager/owner immediately in these situations.

No changes in TennisLink schedule will be made either without all parties agreeing on a reschedule date or the LLC informing the DLC of a rescheduled match due to a scheduling error, a facility issue or a post season conflict reschedule. To update TennisLink, please email DLC.

Match Format

The match format is best of three (3) tiebreak sets, with a match tiebreak (1st to 10 by 2) in lieu of third set, 90 seconds between sets one and two, and 120 seconds between two and third sets, and ABSOLUTELY NO COACHING.

The clock for penalties begins at the scheduled match time.

The penalties for LATE PLAYER are:

- From scheduled start time up to 5 minutes late - Loss of toss and 1 game.
- From 5 minutes late up to 10 minutes late - Loss of toss and 2 games.
- From 10 minutes late up to 15 minutes late - Loss of toss and 3 games.
- Please note, Player(s) arriving before the default time will be allowed 5 MINUTE WARM UP to prevent injury.
- After 15 minutes – COURT DEFAULT (lineup must be adjusted, see USTA Reg 2.03K).

DAYTIME LEAGUE REGULATIONS (all leagues playing M-F, during the day):

Currently Applies to Daytime Women and Senior Women, playing before 3:00 pm, Mon-Fri

If matches are still in progress with 10 minutes left to play, the club desk personnel will announce TIME.

- *If you are in an incomplete game, tiebreak or playing a point when time is called, take a Let and replay the point, and then complete the game or tiebreak. If you are not playing a point, continue the game or tiebreak.*
- *If the match is in the first or second set, and one team is ahead by one or more games, that team wins the set. If no team is ahead by a game or more, play a 7-point tiebreak.*
- *If the match is in the 3rd set tie break when the time is up, finish the tiebreak.*
- *When reporting scores in TennisLink, select “Timed Match”.*

The Coman Tiebreak is now used for all matches.

Coman Tiebreak Procedure

The Coman Tiebreak procedure is identical to the regular tiebreak procedure except that the players change ends after the first point and then after every four points and at the conclusion of a tiebreak. The Coman Tiebreak procedure is used for all tiebreaks.

Set Tiebreak: First to win 7 points by 2 points wins "Game" and "Set".

3rd set Match Tiebreak (Super Tie Break): First to win 10 points by 2, wins match.

The player whose turn it is to serve shall serve the first point from the DEUCE court.

After the first point, the players shall change ends and the following two points shall be served by the opponent(s) (in doubles, the player of the opposing team due to serve next) starting from the AD court.

After this, each player/team shall serve alternately for two consecutive points (starting from the AD court), changing ends after every four points, until the completion of the tiebreak.

Switch ends after points 1,5,9,13,17, etc..... and at the conclusion of the tiebreak.

The next set is served not necessarily by the team who didn't serve the last point, but by the team who didn't serve the FIRST point of the tie break, because a tie break is a game.

GRIEVANCES: Any grievance alleging a violation by an individual or team during local league competition shall be filed in writing with the District League Coordinator or designee having jurisdiction. The grievance must be filed prior to the commencement of whichever occurs first: (a) the involved team's next match in that flight, whether or not the involved player participates or (b) within 24 hours after the end of the local league season, except for Administrative Grievances, Eligibility Grievances and NTRP Grievances.

Upon receipt of the grievance, the District League Coordinator or designee shall immediately send a copy to the Chair of the appropriate League Grievance Committee and to the party(ies) against whom the grievance has been filed.

There is a \$50.00 filing fee for a LOCAL LEAGUE GRIEVANCE, billed to the filing club, if grievance is denied.

There is a \$100.00 fee to file NTRP GRIEVANCE at the Midwest Level.

Fee returned if grievance is upheld. Local grievance fee is billed to club

if/when grievance is denied. Midwest will refund grievance fee, if upheld.

2023 USTA League Suspension Point System applies to sanctioned USTA League competition at all levels of competition. Used by Grievance Committees and Head Referees at Championships. Use Link.

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

DISQUALIFICATION: During the local league competition and at every level of championship competition below National Championships, computer ratings will be calculated for all self-rated players and players who have successfully appeal their computer rating, to determine if any players have reached the Dynamic Disqualification (DQ) criteria. Players will be NTRP disqualified if they reach the disqualification level three times. The District League Coordinator will notify the affected player and his/her captain(s). The individual match that produced the dynamic disqualification and all previously matches played by the player shall be considered losses at that NTRP level and reversed in TennisLink.

Computer rated players are not subject to dynamic disqualification.

All cell phones should be turned off before taking the court.

A ringing cell phone is a deliberate hindrance and if an opponent's cell phone rings, the player may immediately stop and claim the point. If the phone rings again, the player may take another point, and continue taking points each time the phone rings. This rule applies to the cell phone ringing at any time during the match, which includes warm up, during crossover, in between points and in between sets. Phones should be turned off for match play.

It is important to remember that this only applies to the court on which the phone rings and cannot be called as a let by another court.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Ohio Valley DLC will handle the grievance process by receiving the grievance, determining its filing complies with National Regulations, sending it to the grieved party for response, setting response deadline, receiving response and designating a committee chair.

If a committee member's club(s) is a party to the local league grievance, the committee member will recuse his/herself and the DLC will assist the committee chair in replacing the committee member.

A trained, USTA Official shall be added, as a non-voting advisor, to each grievance committee. The DLC will assist the committee chair with this addition.

USTA Dayton Leagues

Match Formats typically offered below but can vary

Fall ESL, Winter/Spring, Summer

Division	Age Group	League Format	NTRP Levels
Adult	18&O	1S/2D	2.5W/5.0M, 3.0W Daytime
Adult	18&O	2S/3D	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5
Adult	40&O	1S/4D	3.5, 4.0
Adult		1S/2D	3.0M, 4.5M
		3 - Doubles	3.0W, 4.5W
		55&O	3 - Doubles
Adult	65&O	3 - Doubles	7.0, 8.0
Mixed	18&O	3 - Doubles	6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0
Mixed	40&O	3 - Doubles	6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0
Combo	18&O	3 - Doubles	5.5W, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5
TRI Level	18&O	3 - Doubles	3.5/4.0/4.5