



ECT USTA League Captains' Meeting

Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 7pm

Via Google Meets (meeting will be recorded)

Introductions:

Christy Bennett- Section League Coordinator - bennett@newengland.usta.com

John Pagano - CT State League Committee Chairperson - john@tctennis.com

Connie Hurtt - ECT Local League Coordinator - ect-league@newengland.usta.com

2022 Championships - Christy Bennett

- 2022 Championship calendar will be published at the end of September.
- 2022 Championships will be back to pre-Covid requirements for participation. USTA will be enforcing the Championship regulations and penalties for late withdrawals out of 2022 Championships.

CT Board/CT State USTA League Committee - John Pagano

Oversees SCT, ECT, and NCT.

- General role: Promote tennis! Align with the goals and initiatives of USTA NE Section League Committee. Provide governance and oversight to the operations of USTA adult leagues in CT.
- CT State USTA League Committee is looking for members who are interested in getting more involved with various initiatives.

General League Administration - Connie Hurtt

- NTRP calculations will be on schedule and will be published in December.
- Covid waivers are not required at this time; will be revisited with any new Covid developments.
- Post-match socializing is at the discretion of the host club--captains should check with the home team prior to the match. As Covid conditions change, USTA will communicate any additional guidelines to ensure everyone's safety and compliance with local regulations.
- Tennislink Scoresheets - a hard copy of the scoresheet for a match must be simultaneously exchanged; scoresheets/lineups on smartphones are not acceptable.
- Age of players registering for a team
- Last day to register for a team
- Match time format
- Requests to reschedule matches
- Process for entering Partially Played Matches on Tennislink

Important Links for Captains and your Players:

- **ECT USTA League website** contains the latest information on league dates and important deadlines. <https://www.usta.com/en/home/play/adult-tennis/programs/newengland/connecticut/usta-league-ect.html>
- **ECT EZ Reference Guide** should be printed out by the captains and should be distributed to every player on their team. Players should have a copy in the bags during matches for reference.

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- Check out the [Captain's Corner](#) website for important information for captains. It is especially useful for new captains.
- **Facebook:** USTA League Eastern CT Facebook Group is active and is used for important league announcements and deadlines. Note: *USTA League EasternCT Group page exists for USTA League and tennis-related information only.*

Upcoming Leagues / Important Dates:

- Tri-Level – commitment extended to 9/15/21. League runs 9/15/21 to 12/15/21
 - Men 4.0 (1 team) ~ need another team for a league
 - Women 3.0 (1 team); Women 3.5 (2 teams); Women 4.0 (5 teams); Women 4.5 (3 teams)
 - Adult Men and Women 18 & Over - 9/25/21 to 3/28/22
 - Men 3.0 (2 teams); Men 3.5 (3 teams); Men 4.0 (6 teams); Men 4.5 (3 teams)
 - Women 3.0 (8 teams); Women 3.5 (9 teams); Women 4.0 (5 teams)
 - Mixed 40 & Over - league runs 9/25/21 to 1/31/21
 - 6.0 (1 team); 7.0 (6 teams); 8.0 (2 teams)
- Adult Men and Women 55& Over- league runs 9/25/21 to 4/25/22
- Men 6.0 (2 teams)
- Women 6.0 (2 teams); Women 7.0 (3 teams); Women 8.0 (3 teams)

To captain a team, use the team commitment form link: [Team Commitment Form - ECT](#)

Safety Precautions and Practices - Christy Bennett

COVID-19 USTA NE Safe Play Guidelines:

- Captains' responsibilities – COVID-19 communication is key. Communicate with your players and other captains early to ensure that matches happen with minimal physical interaction.
- Any safety issues should be brought to the LLC's attention.
- Pre-Covid penalties (e.g., late team withdrawals, maximum number of defaults, etc.) are back in place for 2022.

Regulations:

- Regulation Proposal and Change process:
 - 1.4 Proposals for regulation changes must be submitted by email on the official USTA League Regulation/Change Proposal Form to the league coordinator at ect-league@newengland.usta.com by May 1 for review and consideration in the local league regulations for the following Championship Year. The ECT Rules Committee will review and evaluate all proposals. Those proposals accepted are subject to amendment and will be voted on by the appropriate party identified in Regulation 1.3.

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Common Issues / Questions:

Maximum Out-Of-Level Players (only applies to leagues with 2 teams): National Regulation 1.04D(5)

- Two Team Leagues. If any Adult Division Age Group consists of only two teams in a level of play, each team must maintain its roster with at least 40 percent of its players at the designated NTRP level of play. The exception is the Adult Division 55 & Over Age Group that uses combined NTRP rating levels and will not be required to comply with this Regulation.

Match Time Format:

- Captains are to determine before the start of the match how the end of time will be determined (bell, club clock on court, timer, etc.) In ECT, the default match format is a 2-hour timed match. Captains may mutually agree to an un-timed match if court time is available, but this agreement must be determined by captains / acting captains and affected players prior to going on court. Absent an agreement by all parties to play out the match, the 2-hour timed format stands. (Regulation 3.8)

Requests to Reschedule Matches:

- Captains should make every effort to play as many positions as possible, on the scheduled date. A **valid match** for a team is when it has fielded enough courts to win the match (3 positions for a 4 or 5-court match, 2 positions for a 3-court match).
- If, for the scheduled match date, a team fields enough positions to win the match, the captain may request a postponement of the remaining 1 or 2 positions and, in the spirit of sportsmanship and our desire to play tennis, this could be accommodated, if possible, as it is understood that from time to time every team could be in this position. Captain must provide required advance notice (at least 2 weeks for majority of courts, at least 3 days for less than majority of courts).
- If a team is unable to field enough positions to win on the scheduled match date, however many positions can be played should be, then the rescheduling request should be only for the remaining positions required to win and make it a valid match, with the requesting team accepting a default for the remaining 1 or 2 positions.
- If a match or individual positions within a match are rescheduled, notify the LLC immediately and inform her of the date, time and location of the rescheduled match. (Regulation 3.15.3)
- If the captains cannot agree on a mutually accepted date for a rescheduled match, the home captain should provide the visiting team with 3 non-conflicting (i.e. the dates cannot be on the same date as matches already scheduled for either team) alternate dates from which to choose. All positions of a team match do not have to be played at the same rescheduled time. The LLC should be contacted if the captains are unable to agree upon a mutual date. In the event of no agreement, the LLC may make the final decision regarding the date, time and location. (Regulation 3.15.4)

Process for Entering Partially Played Matches on TennisLink: Regulation 3.11.2

- Enter the results for positions played into TennisLink.
- Select Double Default for positions to be rescheduled.
- After the remaining positions are played, e-mail the coordinator and provide the match#, player names, position played, date played and match results, cc: opposing captain.
- In the event the required number of positions were not played to validate a match, e-mail the coordinator and provide the match#, player names, position played, date played and match results and cc: opposing captain.
- As the remaining positions are completed, match information (as described above) is e-mailed to coordinator with cc: to the opposing captain.
- In both situations the coordinator will make corrections to the TennisLink score sheet.

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