



## SCT USTA League Captains' Meeting

Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 7pm

Via Google Meets (meeting will be recorded)

### **Introductions:**

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### **State Information:**

CT Board

- 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.

### **Sectional / National Information:**

Check out Captain's Corner for videos:

<https://www.usta.com/en/home/play/adult-tennis/programs/national/captain-s-corner.html>

### **Facebook:**

USTA League Southern CT Facebook Group is active and is used for important league announcements and deadlines. Note: *USTA League Southern CT Group page exists for USTA League and tennis-related information only.*

### **SCT USTA League Website:**

SCT 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-sct.html>

- COVID-19 guidelines for players and facilities
- EZ Reference Sheet for SCT league match rules
- 2021 League Timeline
- 2021 Championship Calendar – tentative / will be voted on by the Section League Committee in September

USTA Connecticut Mission Statement:

*"To Inspire, Promote & Develop the Growth of Tennis in CT"*

### **Safety Precautions and Practices:**

COVID-19 USTA NE Safe Play Guidelines and Waivers:

- Player guidelines – captains should review and circulate to players.
- Facility guidelines – in addition to the USTA NE League Guidelines, each club may also have its own safety guidelines.
- Waivers - only need to be submitted once per player.
- 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.

### **Upcoming Leagues / Important Dates:**

- Tri-Level – commitments by 8/24/20, league runs 9/14/20 to 12/7/20
- Adult Women 18 & Over
  - 2.5 – commitments by 12/7/20, league runs 1/19/21 to 4/25/21
  - 3.0-4.0 – commitments by 8/31/20, league runs 9/22/20 to 3/27/21
  - 4.5 – commitments by 9/14/20, league runs 11/5/20 to 3/27/21
- Adult Women 40 & Over, Adult Men 40 & Over, Mixed 18 & Over
  - Commitments by 9/8/20, league runs 10/2/20 to 3/7/21
- Team commitment form link: <https://form.jotform.com/92178188626166>

### **Regulations:**

- New National Regulation – “Plus” leagues (Adult 40 & Over 4.5+ and Adult 18 & Over 5.0+) have been removed.
- 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 [sct-league@newengland.usta.com](mailto:sct-league@newengland.usta.com) by May 1 for review and consideration in the local league regulations for the following Championship Year. The SCT 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.

## Common Issues / Questions:

### **Maximum Out-Of-Level Players:** Regulation 2.5

- The maximum number of out-of-level players remains at 4.
- If a team has rostered more than 4 out-of-level players, the last player(s) registered to the team will be the player(s) removed. Ineligible match results will be disqualified.
- Players who were in-level prior to ratings release in December 2020, whose ratings dropped, do not count towards the 4-player maximum.

### **Match Time Format:** Regulation 3.6

- In SCT, 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.

### **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), Regulation 5.1.1.
- 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, refer to Regulation 3.13.3).
- 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 (refer to Regulations 3.13.4 & 5.1.).
- As per the regulations above “the rescheduling request should only be for the remaining positions”. It is not within the discretion of the other captain to waive this and they should not be asked to do so.

### **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.