

**2011 USTA/MIDWEST SECTION
CHAMPIONSHIP RULES AND REGULATIONS
ADULT, SENIOR, MIXED DOUBLES, SENIOR MIXED DOUBLES,
SUPER SENIOR AND COMBO DOUBLES**

1. USTA Rules, 2011 USTA League Regulations, current USTA/Midwest Section Standing Orders and "The Code" will be observed. Matches are unofficiated. *Roving* officials will be present.
2. Good sportsmanship, good manners and generally accepted customs that constitute the social graces of court play are the expected behavior of players.
3. ***Team Lineups for each match must be submitted by the captain to the tournament desk 30 minutes prior to the scheduled match. The captain must inform the tournament desk that the entire team is on site and available to play. The tournament desk has the authority to start putting on matches when courts are available no sooner than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled match. If a team lineup is not submitted prior to match being called; an official will be called. The Point Penalty for Lateness as stated in the USTA Friend at Court will be used for each court where the player for the court being called fails to appear. The penalties are as followed:***
 - ***5 minutes or less: Loss of toss plus 1 game***
 - ***5:01-10 minutes: Loss of toss plus 2 games***
 - ***10:01-15 minutes: Loss of toss plus 3 games***
 - ***More than 15 minutes: Default***
4. Players may be asked to submit a current photo and/or driver's license to verify their identity during check-in and at any time during the championship. Failure to provide positive identification (i.e., a current photo and/or driver's license) may result in an automatic default of any matches played in which the individual who cannot provide identification participated during the championship
5. If you or one of your players is on two or more first place teams on the same NTRP level Division, you or the player must choose ONLY ONE team to play with at District, State or Section Championships. (**Player Decision Form in the captain packet**)
6. A round robin schedule is being used. A warm-up of ten minutes is permitted beginning with the court assignments.
7. All courts for a team match must be on the same surface and scheduled at the same time.
8. All cellular phones and other electronic devices are banned from tennis courts during USTA League matches. **The offending player/team will lose the point if any electronic device goes off on the court while the match is being played.** A player may bring to the court written notes that were prepared before the start of the match and may read these notes during the match. A player MAY NOT use electronic devices such as cell phones, digital messaging systems, radios, MP3 players, DC and DVD players, and cassette players. Hearing aids and watches not capable of receiving messages are permitted. A player desiring to use any other electronic device should first ask the **referee** whether the device may be used.
9. One team point will be awarded to the team winning the majority of the individual matches:
 - Adult 3.0—4.5 NTRP levels, Five individual matches
 - Adult 2.5 & 5.0 NTRP levels, Three individual matches
 - Senior 3.0-4.5 NTRP levels, Three individual matches
 - Mixed Doubles 2.5, 6.0-10.0 NTRP Combined levels, Three individual matches
 - Senior Mixed Doubles, 6.0-8.0 NTRP Combined Levels, Three individual matches
 - Super Seniors, 6.0-9.0 NTRP Combined Levels, Three individual matches
 - Combo Doubles, 5.5-8.5 NTRP Combined Levels, Three individual matches

10. If teams are tied, the tie will be broken according to 2011 USTA League Regulations **2.03H-2.03H(5)** on page 13.
11. If a team needs to default a position, defaults will be according to 2011 USTA League Regulations. The defaulted point goes to the opponent.
12. First place trophies will be awarded to the winning team:
Adult 3.0-4.5: Ten (10) trophies
Adult 2.5 & 5.0: Six (6) trophies
Senior, Mixed Doubles, Senior Mixed Doubles, Super Senior and Combo Double: Eight (8) trophies
Extra trophies may be ordered at the team's expense.
13. If a team cannot participate in either State or Section Championship, the captain must immediately notify the District USTA League Coordinator. The District USTA League Coordinator (DLC) or State Tournament Director must contact the second place team and offer them an opportunity to compete. The DLC will obtain all paper work necessary. The DLC will then notify the State Championship Director or Section Championship Director that a new team will be coming.
14. If a team does not participate in the State or Section Championship and there is no team to replace that team, then the defaulting team's district will be held responsible for the Championship entry fee. Entry fees are not reduced for defaulting teams. Any additional action against the team is at the District discretion.
15. If a team has not requested a waiver ***from the Championship Tournament Committee*** and is not represented by a full complement of courts at the initial check in at the USTA League State and/or Section Championship, their District will be fined \$100. Any additional action against the team is at the District discretion.
16. In all other situations where teams do not have a complete compliment of courts due to unusual circumstances the ***Championship Tournament Committee*** reserves the right to handle on a case by case basis.
17. A complaint against a player or team alleging a violation during championship league competition shall be filed with the Grievance Committee in accordance with rule 3.03C(1), page 21 in the 2011 USTA League Regulation Book. The complaints must be written on specific forms obtained from the tournament desk and returned to the duly appointed site director within thirty (30) minutes of the completion of the team match or prior to the commencement of the next team match involving the individual or team, whichever occurs first. A non-refundable filing fee of \$50.00 is due upon submission of complaint. If decision of Grievance Committee is appealed, a non-refundable filing fee of \$50.00 is due upon submission.
18. A grievance contending that a player's stated NTRP level is lower than the actual skill level shall constitute a NTRP Grievance, 3.03E(1)-3.03E(9). The complaint must be written on specific grievance form obtained from the tournament desk or may be filed any time up to 48 hours after the conclusion of the player's section championship. A filing fee of \$100.00 is due upon submission of complaint. If approved, the fee is returned. If the decision of NTRP Grievance Committee is appealed, filing fee of \$100.00 is due upon submission and if approved, the fee is returned.
19. During District, State and Section championship play, players declared ineligible by the USTA/Midwest Section USTA League NTRP Grievance Committee will not be allowed to advance with their team, but their match results will stand as played. USTA/Midwest Section Standing Order 1.04F(1)d.

20. Matches will be the best of 2 tie-break sets, with regular scoring and in an event of split sets, a third set match tie-break shall be played in lieu of third set with the two minute set break with no coaching allowed.
Adult Team (3.0-4.5) matches consist of 1, 2, singles and 1, 2 & 3 doubles.
Adult Team (2.5, and 5.0) matches consists of 1 single and 1 & 2 doubles.
Senior Team (3.0-4.5) matches consists of 1, 2 & 3 doubles
Mixed Doubles (2.5, 6.0-10.0) matches consists of 1, 2 & 3 doubles
Senior Mixed Doubles (6.0-8.0) matches consists of 1, 2 & 3 doubles
Super Senior (6.0-9.0) matches consists of 1, 2 & 3 doubles
Combo Doubles, (5.5-8.5) matches consists of 1, 2 & 3 doubles
- a) Regular scoring will be used.
 - b) Set tie-break (***Coman Tiebreak Procedure***) at 6 all in each set
 - c) Third set *match tie-break* (***Coman Tiebreak Porcedure***) shall be played in lieu of third set in event of split sets.
 - d) Alternate scoring (no-ad or pro sets) may be used in case of rain or unforeseen circumstances.
21. After the match, players are to return the used balls and report the scores to the site director. Scores should be verified by all those who competed. Captains must sign the completed scorecard within 15 minutes after the team match is over.

Team Forfeit Rule for SECTION Championships

22. After the championship has begun, any team defaulting an entire team match (5 individual matches for Adults 3.0-4.5, 3 individual matches for Adult 2.5 and 5.0, Senior, Mixed Doubles, Senior Mixed Doubles, Super Senior and Combo Doubles) at the Section Championships will result in having their team members be ineligible to compete in any Championship Competition within the USTA League program in the league season of 2012. In addition, team members may be barred from competition in their local and/or district competition in the 2012 season. All individual matches won (by the defaulting team before the default of the entire team match) will be reversed and awarded to the opposing team.
23. Disqualification of any individual and/or team and/or default of matches are within authority of the Championship Committee and/or Championship Director when it is determined those eligibility requirements and/or rules have not been followed.
24. Interpretation of the USTA 2011 Regulations of the USTA League Program is within the authority of the USTA/Midwest Section USTA League Coordinator.
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