

CHATTANOOGA TENNIS ASSOCIATION

ADULT TENNIS LEAGUE RULES

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MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

- A. Anyone who is at least 19 years old can be a member of, and participate in **Chattanooga Tennis Association (CTA)** Adult Men's, Women's, Singles, and Mixed Doubles Leagues.
- B. All participants must be current members of the **CTA**. Membership dues are payable annually to the association as follows:
 - i. **Single membership: \$40.00 (no longer Family Membership)**
 - ii. Unpaid dues of existing members will be billed by mail by February 1 of each year. Dues may be paid in person at the CTA office, mailed to the address above, or online at www.chattanoogatennis.com by clicking the "JOIN CTA" tab.
- C. **A non-CTA member is allowed to substitute twice.** If the non-CTA member substitutes more than twice, the team will incur a Team Penalty and will forfeit the affected court.
- D. Any non-member or substitute player who participates in any CTA Adult League match is responsible for membership dues. Dues must be mailed or delivered to the CTA office within ten (10) days after the second substitution of match play. A list of available substitutes will be supplied to captains when available.

I. TEAM ROSTERS, DIVISIONS AND COMBO LEAGUES

- A. A team will consist of a minimum of four (4) doubles teams (8 players) and will have a maximum size of sixteen (16) players.
- B. A team should be entered in the appropriate league level (3.0 - 4.5+) based on the skill level of players on the roster.
- C. A team winning two (2) out of three (3) seasons will have the option to move to the next higher level of play for the following season.
- D. Final determination of league placement will be the responsibility of the CTA League Coordinator and CTA League Board.
- E. Captains need to register team by the league registration deadline. Completed rosters must be turned in to CTA league coordinator 24 hours before the first match of the season is played. Players may be added during the season, but must have 8 to qualify as a team.
- F. Captains must register teams each season (spring, summer, fall).
A player can play on more than one league roster. Ex: Combo 3.5 (Tues morning) and 4.0 Thursday morning, Day and or Evening, and sub on any team their level or higher.
- G. If a player chooses to substitute at a higher level for one team only, his/her name should appear on the roster with "sub" noted beside the name.
- H. If a player would like to sub at a higher level without restriction to a single team, his / her name should not appear as a sub on a roster, but should be included on the CTA sub list for that level (by request of player only - please notify CTA office).
- I. Teams may be moved up or down between divisions based on scores and at the discretion of the CTA League Coordinator.
- J. Combo and Adult League Play will follow guidelines below:

DIVISION	League Format	NTRP LEVELS	Minimum # players for legal roster
COMBO	4 Doubles	3.0, 3.5 combined	8
	4 Doubles	3.5, 4.0 combined	8
	4 Doubles	4.0, 4.5 combined	8
ADULT LEAGUE	4 Doubles	3	8
	4 Doubles	3.5	8
	4 Doubles	4	8

- A. At Combo Level (6.5/7.5) two 3.0 players or two 3.5 players CAN play together. The higher level players (3.5/4.0) respectively, must be assigned to court numbers from strongest players beginning on Court 1.
 Ex: Court 1 (4.0/3.5 at the 7.5 level and 3.5/3.0 at 6.5 level) and so on.

- B. Rosters must share 50% (no less) at combo level. Ex: 3.5 Combo needs four 4.0 players and six 3.5 players. (If there is a question about subs and/or ratings, please contact the CTA league coordinator.)
- C. Adult league is a team comprised of the same level.

LINE-UPS

- A. Captains will determine line-ups weekly by strength according to CTA, NTRP, or self-ratings in order to make competition fair to all. **SANDBAGGING IS PROHIBITED and bad form.**
- B. **The strongest and highest rated player must occupy the #1 position. The remaining positions are placed in descending order of strength.**
- C. Players without an official NTRP Rating shall self-rate. Issues over self-rated players will be ruled by the CTA League Coordinator. **See self-rate chart attached.*

CAPTAINS' RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. **Captains should provide each team member with:**
 1. **League Rules**
 2. League Schedule
 3. Team Roster (including emails/phone numbers) and possible substitute players.
- B. Contact the visiting Captain or Co-Captain well in advance of scheduled matches.
- C. Advise the opposing captain if a position must be forfeited. Never assume a match has been cancelled.
- D. The captain (or acting captain) shall be available one hour prior to match time. This applies to both teams. If there is a substitute captain, the opposing captain should be notified.
- E. Communicate weekly with teammates to determine if subs are needed. PLEASE avoid forfeited matches.
- F. **2018 – Scores will be entered by the Home Captain on TOPDOG website, and verified by the visiting team**
- G. **2017* BOTH captains** take a photo of the scorecard immediately after the match and send to the CTA League Coordinator. IF there has been an issue on the court or with the match make a note on your score card and the CTA League Coordinator will address the issue.
- H. Keep a record of team matches and scores in case a card is lost.
- I. Captains will reschedule rain-outs for the first available scheduled rain-date (if a rain date is provided) or at the convenience of both teams. Rescheduled matches may be played one court at a time.
- J. Captains should be very familiar with USTA rules as found in "Friend at Court" available at www.usta.com
- K. Call the CTA League Coordinator promptly with any problems or suggestions.
- L. **Court fees, guest fees, and USTA approved balls are the responsibility of the "home team." ie, Teams who choose to have Champions Club, Baylor, GPS, and McCallie as their home courts will take the responsibility to collect the fees from their teammates for the usage of those courts. Those HOME teams will pay their fee as well as their guest teams fee.**

- M. Teams who have **Baylor, Manker Patten, McCallie and Racquet Club** as home courts and have an option to play a rain match indoor will contact the guest team and ask if that team would split the cost of indoor courts. If the Guest team does not want to split the cost, then the two teams will make up the match on the rain date or split the score 4/4.

MATCH RULES

- A. Team schedules will be distributed to Team Captains prior to the beginning of each league season.
- B. Captains may reschedule matches. Notify CTA League Coordinator via email of any rescheduled matches.
- C. All players must be present and matches should begin at the scheduled time:
1. Day: 9:30 a.m. Night: 6:30 p.m. (all Eastern Time)
**Please arrive 10 – 15 minutes early in order to begin match play.*
- A. If any player arrives more than fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled match time, his/her team will automatically forfeit the court.
- B. Line-ups must be exchanged simultaneously and are not to be changed once exchanged.
- C. Courts are assigned by the "home team" captain.
- D. Do not delay warm-ups or alter court assignment while waiting for a late player.
- E. Play should begin following a warm-up of no more than ten (10) minutes. However, if a player arrives within the 15 minute grace period, he or she will be allowed to warm-up 5 minutes without penalty.
- I If a captain is aware of a forfeit prior to the match, the captain of the opposing team should be notified prior to filling out the scorecard so that line-ups can be altered as necessary. **In the Straight NRTP leagues (ex: 3.0 team, Not the 3.0+ or Combo teams) Position #4 should be forfeited first, then Position #3, etc. In the + leagues and Combo leagues, notify the opposing team the specific line that will be forfeited. This will ensure the level of play is consistent and fair.**
- F. In the event of a forfeit due to late arrival,(15 min past start time) players are encouraged but not required to play. However, the match should be recorded as a forfeit.
- G. Captains may prearrange time adjustments to scheduled playing times for individual players only if both captains agree.
- H. Matches will be the best two (2) out of three (3) sets, regular scoring, tie break at six all (6-6) (first to 7 by 2). If time is a consideration and captains agree, matches may be scored no-add, or a third set 10 point (COMAN) tie break. If no agreement can be reached a full third set should be played. ***Determination of a third set**

Coman 10 point tiebreak will be determined by each court **before** the match with both captains witnessing agreements of players. All players must agree on the decision.

- I. USTA rules will govern play except as altered in these rules.
- J. Scores are reported on the official scorecards supplied with scores noted from the winner's perspective and the winner's scores are tabulated by the League Coordinator and available for comparison at the CTA office when possible. Matches are scored by the number of sets won on each scorecard. Circle the winning team on each court.

RAIN DELAYS AND RAINOUTS

- A. In the event of rain, captains are responsible for cooperatively rescheduling rained out matches on rain dates, if provided, in the order in which they were missed.
- B. Teams that are assembled to play and are delayed by rain or wet courts may be dismissed at the captain's discretion (opposing captains must agree.) Captains may agree to reschedule any time within the league time frame.
- C. If the first game has not been completed prior to rainout, players listed on the original roster may be changed for the rescheduled match.
- D. Completed match scores will stand as recorded.
- E. Incomplete matches must be completed by the players originally listed from the point of discontinuation.
- F. If match cannot be played for a valid reason, points will be split. Questions/disagreements will be addressed by the League Coordinator.

RULE ENFORCEMENT

The CTA League Coordinator will enforce this set of rules and regulations. Decisions and recommendations concerning major violations will be referred to the Board of Directors of the Chattanooga Tennis Association for final decision. The committee welcomes suggestions concerning league play and will meet as needed to discuss the leagues, rules, and ideas for improvement. League concerns may be addressed to CTA League Coordinator or any CTA Board Member.

Please, Everyone remember, we are ambassadors in the Community and CTA. As such we need to conduct our behavior to each other and those watching in a dignified manner.

Our younger players are taught fairness, and court etiquette, we adults must teach by example.