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**USTA - Wisconsin District
North Central League Tennis (NCL)
2024 Local Rules**

A. USTA LEAGUE

The following Additional Rules will apply to all NCL-League Play:

1. 2024 USTA League Regulations.
2. The current USTA/Midwest Section League Regulations.
3. 2024 Wisconsin District Rules pertaining to USTA Leagues.
4. The Code of Conduct will apply for all matches without officials. See “The Code” in the current *Friend at Court*.

B. ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

1. USTA membership for a 2024 USTA/Wisconsin/NCL League must be valid through the end of the local league season
2. Players may join a team up to two weeks before the end of the season.
3. A player may not play on more than one team in an NTRP Level within an Age Group, during local league season.
4. A player may participate in more than one NTRP level in the same Age Group in the same season.
5. No player may participate in a USTA/Wisconsin/NCL league match until they have registered for a team on Tennis Link.
6. **DISQUALIFICATION** - No dynamic disqualification of Year-end Computer (C) or Benchmark (B) players (see NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Table - inside 2024 USTA League Regulations back cover). Who can be dynamically disqualified? NTRP published level followed by A (appeal - all), S (self-rated), M (mixed exclusive), T (tournament exclusive), D (dynamic or NTRP complaint disqualified) in the Adult divisions through the Sectional Championships.
7. In the event of an NTRP disqualification for that particular level of play, all matches played at the disqualification level or below and any subsequent match played by the player shall be considered losses and those matches shall be considered wins for the opposing player or doubles team.
8. Players may join a team at their new NTRP level up to two weeks before the end of the season.
9. The Captain’s Meeting is important for the start of summer leagues. Although it is not mandatory, the Team Captain is encouraged to attend. If that is not possible, he or she should send at least one member of the team to the meeting to work with the other team’s Captain or Representative. At the end of the meeting, preliminary schedules are handed out to Local League Coordinator.
10. Each team captain must sign a Team Waiver form on behalf of their team prior to the first match. This should be given to the Local League Coordinator.

11. New leagues formed after the scheduled Captain's Meeting will be coordinated with the Local League Coordinator.

C. TENNIS LINK, LEAGUE SCHEDULE AND SCORING

1. Tennis Link is the official system for player registration, reporting scores and providing standings for the USTA League Tennis Program.
2. If a USTA League age group consists of only two (2) 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 55 & Over league type that uses combined NTRP rating levels and will not be required to comply with this 1.04D(5) USTA League Regulation.
3. The League schedule will be published in Tennis Link only after the minimum number of players for each team has been registered. Therefore, the league could not start until each team has the minimum number of players registered in Tennis Link
 - Adult 18 and over and 40 and over teams will exchange line ups at 6:00 PM and start at 6:15 PM
 - Adult 55 and over teams will exchange line ups at 9:30 AM and start at 9:45 AM.
 - Other match start times will be posted on the schedule.
4. USTA League Tennis match scores must be reported by team captains, co-captains or designated players within 48 hours of the completion of a match. A representative from BOTH teams either enters or confirms (whomever gets into the site first) the scores within 48 hours of match completion. Match reports will be run daily for Dynamic Rating computation
5. Any discrepancies found after the scores have been entered must be emailed along with the match # to the opposing team captain AND the liaison or coordinator of that league. Upon agreement by BOTH captains, the discrepancies will be corrected.
6. Scores not confirmed within the 48-hour time line will be considered confirmed.
7. Full team defaults are not allowed. If a team defaults an entire team match, the opposing captain will contact the Local League Coordinator immediately about the full team default. (In a 3 court league at least 2 courts must be played; in a 5 court league at least 3 courts must play.)

D. COMPETITION FORMAT

1. All matches shall be the best of three tiebreak sets with a match tiebreak in lieu of a third set.
2. The match tiebreak shall be scored as 1-set and 1-game for tiebreak purposes.
3. Coman format shall be used for both the Set tiebreak and the Match tiebreak
4. Re-scheduled matches must be completed within the scheduled season or be cancelled.
5. Pre-scheduled matches: If team captains know in advance that they will be short-handed for a particular match, they may by mutual agreement schedule an individual court or entire team match to an earlier date/time. BUT, this match must occur either before or on the scheduled match date. No individual matches (except rainouts) will be allowed beyond the scheduled match date
6. Defaults are to be taken at the lowest position
7. If injury occurs during a warm-up, a substitute player may be brought in because the start of the match is defined as the first point played. The substituted player must be on the court immediately and is entitled to a five minute warm-up.

E. RAIN-OUT AND RE-SCHEDED MATCHES

1. In the event of inclement weather that prevents the start of a league match at its scheduled time, the match is postponed and should be completed within the league season. The re-scheduled date determined by mutual agreement of the team captains.
2. If a team captain knows she or he will be unavailable for a particular match date, they should contact the other team captain before the match and advise of an alternate captain (usually a team player) to contact in their absence in the event of a rainout problem.
3. In the event the scheduled team match was started and in progress when interrupted by inclement weather, all points stand as played. All players agree on the score prior to leaving the court. The match shall be completed within a two week period. If neither captain can agree on a rescheduled date, they must contact the Local League Coordinator to determine play schedule.
4. If one or more of the team matches has started, the rescheduled match must be played with the same players for all matches, even though some matches may not have started. Any defaults must stand.
5. If no matches have started, the line-up may be changed for the rematch and prior defaults are not binding.
6. All rescheduled and/or unfinished matches MUST be reported to the Local League Coordinator.
7. HOME team has the final decision on where the match will be played.
8. Players are responsible for all costs incurred if the decision is made to continue the match indoors.
9. All schedules presented for approval should include 2 (each team) make-up or rained out dates. This is to avoid deletion of scheduled matches. Captains should schedule these make-up dates and make sure they can field a team on those dates as well.

F. LOCAL LEAGUE CHAMPION DETERMINATION

1. Local League Champion will be determined by the most teams wins at the end of the season. The winner will advance to the State Championship.
2. No ties will stand. Ties will be broken using the method described in the 2024 USTA League Regulations (See Reg. 2.03H)
3. The league Captain will advise the Local League Coordinator by noon on the day following the final match as to whether or not the winning team will be able to field a team to advance to the State Championship.
4. If the first place team cannot field a team, the second place team will be invited.
5. Prizes are awarded for Local league Champions

G. GRIEVANCE & GRIEVANCE APPEAL PROCEDURES & NTRP GRIEVANCES

General Grievance: Any grievance alleging a violation of the USTA Constitution and Bylaws; the USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS; the FRIEND AT COURT – The USTA Handbook of Tennis Rules and Regulations including THE CODE and the standards of good conduct, fair play, and good sportsmanship. General Grievance (See Reg. 3.02A)

Eligibility Grievance: Any grievance, other than an NTRP Grievance, contending that a player and/or team has failed to meet eligibility requirements to participate in the USTA League (See Reg. 3.02D)

A NTRP Grievance: Any grievance contending that player's NTRP level is lower than his/her actual skill level. NTRP Grievances (See Reg. 3.03E(3))

1. All grievances shall be directed to the Local League Grievance Committee. An appeal to a grievance shall be directed to the Local League Appeal Grievance Committee. A filing fee of \$50.00 will be assessed for all grievances. If the original grievance is upheld, the fee will be returned to the filer. Please send a written copy and check to La Rue Davison.
2. All NTRP Grievances shall be forwarded to the USTA Midwest Section. There is a \$50 filing fee. If the grievance is upheld, the \$50 fee will be returned. Please contact USTA/Midwest Section to submit your credit card payment. USTA/Midwest is located at 1310 E. 96th St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240
3. After July 15, all NTRP Grievances fees go up to \$100.00 due to time restraints determining winners of the local league, or progression of teams to championships
4. All complaints shall be filed in writing with the appropriate committee. Each committee shall consist of no less than three persons including the chair.

Local League Coordinator:
La Rue Davison

Local Grievance Committee:
Cari Blair - Chair
Tara Cooper
Andrea Ingvalson

Local Grievance Appeals Committee:
Michele O'Donnell - Chair
Renee Wesolowski
Carol Turner