



MIDWEST WISCONSIN

**USTA- GML 2026
18s, 40s, and 55s
PLAYOFFS
July 31-Aug 1
Elite Northshore**

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Captains need to check in at the tournament desk at least one hour prior to their first match of the Playoffs and pick up their captain's packet. Players plan to be on site an hour prior to the published match time.

Format: Round Robin

Matches will be the best of 2 tie-break sets, with regular scoring and in the event of split sets, a third set match tie-break shall be played in lieu of a third set with a two minute set break and **no coaching Allowed. There is NO Coaching at any time during the matches.**

1. Regular scoring will be used.
2. Set tie-break (Coman Tiebreak Procedure) at 6 all in each set. First to 7, win by 2.
3. Third set match tie-break (Coman Tiebreak Procedure) shall be played in lieu of third set in event of split sets;
First to 10, win by 2.

Winners are determined by the team with the most TEAM Wins: (One team point will be awarded to the team winning the majority of the three individual matches for Adult 55&O and 65&O play and the majority of five individual matches for Adult 18&O and Adult 40&O play).

Procedures in the event of a tie (USTA League Regulation 2.03H)

The tie will be broken by the first of the following procedures:

- a. Winner of the most individual matches in the entire competition
- b. Head to Head
- c. Loser of fewest number of sets
- d. Loser of fewest number of games
- e. A method to be determined by the championships committee

Players should report to their captains at the match site 60 minutes prior to their first match time. Score cards should not be filled out until all players are present. SCORE CARDS ARE DUE TO THE TOURNAMENT DESK **45 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE PUBLISHED MATCH TIME.**

Matches will be CALLED **30 MINUTES PRIOR** to the published scheduled match time.

USTA/Greater Milwaukee League Playoffs 2026 RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. USTA Rules, USTA League Regulations, USTA/Midwest Section Standing Orders and "The Code" will be observed. Individual matches are un-officiated. *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 45 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 follows:
 - 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. If you must cancel your participation in the USTA GML Playoffs, you must immediately notify your Local League Coordinator.
5. If you or one of your players is participating on more than one Adult 18&O, Adult 40&O, Adult 55&O or Adult 65&O teams at the local league playoffs, **no scheduling provisions will be made to accommodate players competing in both divisions.**
6. A round robin schedule is being used. A warm-up of ten minutes is permitted beginning with the court assignments.

7. **All cellular phones and other electronic devices and the equivalent are banned from tennis courts during all USTA League matches.** Should a phone or beeper ring in the middle of a point in a league match, the opposing player/team may call a let under the hindrance rule and request that the phone be turned off. If the phone/beeper rings again, the opposing player/team can claim the point. The player/team with the phone may not call a let. Apple watches are allowed for players to register steps but watch **MUST** be set to airplane mode.
8. One team point will be awarded to the team winning the majority of the three individual matches for Adult 55&O and the majority of five individual matches for Adult 18&O and Adult 40&O teams.
9. If a team needs to forfeit a position, forfeits will be according to USTA League Regulations. The forfeited point goes to the opponent.
10. 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 24 in the 2024 USTA League Regulations. The complaints must be written on specific forms obtained from the site director and returned within the time restraints (within thirty minutes of completion of the team match, or prior to the commencement of the next team match involving the individual or team, whichever occurs first). A filing fee of \$100.00 is due upon submission of complaint. If the decision of the Grievance Committee is appealed, a filing fee of \$100.00 is due upon submission.
11. In the event of an eligibility disqualification prior to or after the conclusion of a championship event, the team will remain eligible to participate and retain points received up to the disqualification, but the ineligible player will not be allowed to continue or advance. Rule 3.03C(4)a, page 25 in 2024 USTA League Regulations.
12. 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 a third set with a two minute set break with **no coaching allowed. There is NO Coaching at any time during the matches.**

Adult 18&O team (3.0-4.5) matches consist of two courts of singles and three courts of doubles. Adult 40&O team (3.0-4.5) matches consist of one court of singles and four courts of doubles. Adult 55&O matches consist of three courts of doubles.

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 - c. Third set *match tie-break* (**Coman Tiebreak Procedure**) shall be played in lieu of third set in event of split sets; First to 10, win by 2.
13. Any team defaulting an entire match at any championship level (District, State and Section) will result in its team members being ineligible to compete in any Championship Competition within the USTA/Midwest Section USTA League program in the next championship year. All individual matches won by the defaulting team before the forfeit of the entire team match will be reversed and awarded to the opposing team. 2024 USTA/Midwest Section League Regulations 2.03L(1)
 14. After the match, players are to return the used balls and report the scores to the site director **immediately**. All players who competed must verify scores.
 15. There will be a 10-minute warm-up. Should no official be on your assigned court, please spin racquet prior to your warm-up to decide first server. Be aware of your warm-up time and start play in 10 minutes.
 16. USTA officials will be roving the courts to supervise match-play. Foot faults will be called without warning. Officials may overrule if in direct observation of court and ball. Please raise your racquet if an official is required.
 17. A player who qualifies on two or more teams within a division at the same NTRP level competing at the same championship will be eligible only for one team. Players must complete a player decision form for which team they will play. (Player

Decision Form is online)

GRIEVANCE & APPEAL PROCEDURES

NTRP DYNAMIC DISQUALIFICATION & REVIEW PROCEDURES

The following guidelines and procedures will be used during this championship. Please review carefully.

GRIEVANCE (*Written formal complaint regarding an alleged violation of a regulation or procedure.*)

3.03C(1) Any grievance alleging a violation during championship competition shall be in writing and delivered to the duly appointed site director or designee prior to whichever occurs first: (a) within 30 minutes of completion on the involved team's match, or (b) the commencement of the involved team's next match, whether or not the involved player participates. A \$100.00 filing fee for all grievances must be submitted at the time of filing.

3.03E(1)a:NTRP Grievance complaint. **Any self-rated player who is playing at an NTRP level lower than his/her actual skill level is subject to an NTRP Grievance.**

Complaints regarding self-rate issues are handled under Grievance and Appeal Procedures.

Please take the time to review the balance of **3.03C and 3.03E of 2024 USTA League regulations** to familiarize yourself with the process.

Forms may be obtained via Wisconsin.usta.com web page or from the site director or the Local League Coordinator.

GRIEVANCE APPEAL (*Request for reconsideration of a previous decision determination or finding.*)

Any party to the complaint may file an appeal.

3.04A(3) The party(ies) appealing shall have an opportunity to submit in writing facts and arguments in support of their respective positions. All information submitted shall be provided to all parties.

File written notice of appeal with the appropriate coordinator or designee, who shall send it to the Chair of the appropriate Grievance Appeal Committee; chair of the Grievance Committee whose decision is being appealed; Local, District or Section League Coordinator, and

to the other party(ies) involved in the complaint.

Forms may be obtained via Wisconsin.usta.com under Adult and Rules & Regulations.

KEEPING HYDRATED

All athletes should drink plenty of fluids (water, sport drinks, juice, milk, etc.) throughout the day. If you wait until you are thirsty, you have waited too long.

Drink another cup of fluid just prior to play. In fact, also drinking 16 to 20 ounces of water, juices, or sports drink 60-90 minutes before your match can further help in avoiding heat disorders.

Bring a large thermos with you on court and drink frequently (i.e., at every changeover). Water and/or sport drinks are effective.

After your match, drink plenty of fluids. It could be water, Gatorade, lemonade, juice, etc. If you prefer, dilute any of these to your own taste. Water by itself does not replace necessary electrolytes. Don't forget to eat! Fresh fruit and fruit juices are an excellent source of some electrolytes and carbohydrates, but you may have to make a special effort to replace some salt as well.

Remember, you are allowed 25 seconds between points and 90 seconds at the changeover.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF HEAT DISORDER

1. ***Heat cramps***: muscle spasms, usually due to extensive and repeated sweat losses, fatigue, and normal body temperature.
2. ***Heat exhaustion***: extreme weakness, exhaustion, headache, dizziness, nausea, profuse sweating, chills and cool skin, normal body temperature, rapid pulse, sometimes unconscious.
3. ***Heat stroke***: hot, dry skin, headache, nausea, confusion, staggering gait, extremely high body temperature, collapse, unconsciousness, sometimes and death.